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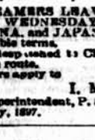

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Bombay Gymkhana.

INDIAN GUARANTEE AND SURETY-SHIP ASSOCIATION.

NOTICE is HEREBY GIVEN that a DIVIDEND of 10 per cent. for the year ending 31st December, 1896, will be paid to Registered Shareholders of the above Association on and after TUESDAY, the 16th inst., at the Offices of the Company, Albert Buildings.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
D. McLAUCHLAN SLATER, F.I.A.,
Secretary.
Bombay, 12th February, 1897.

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

SPECIAL PASSENGER TRAIN FROM BOMBAY TO LONAULI.

ON SATURDAY next, the thirteenth instant, and until further notice, a Special Passenger Train will LEAVE Victoria Terminus, Bombay, on WEEK DAYS only, at 18.05 o'clock, for LONAULI, and will run to the following time, stopping only at the Stations shown below, namely :—

	H. M.		H. M.
Victoria Terminus, Bombay ..... Dep.	19 10		
(Bombay Time) ..	17 40		
Byculla ..... Arrl.	18 16	Neral ..... Arrl.	19 51
Dep.	18 20	Dep.	19 53
Thana ..... Arrl.	18 49	Karjat ..... Arrl.	20 2
Dep.	18 51	Dep.	20 13
Kalyan ..... Arrl.	19 12	Khandalla ..... Arrl.	21 24
Dep.	19 16	Dep.	21 25
		Lonauli ..... Arrl.	21 36

First, Second and Third Class Passengers, and Luggage and Parcels will be Booked by this Train at the usual Fares and Rates.

HENRY CONDER,
General Traffic Manager.
Bombay, the tenth of February, 1897.

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY.

NOTICE.

TO allow of the MEDICAL INSPECTION of Passengers at PALGHAR under the Dangerous Epidemic Diseases Act III of 1897, it is hereby notified that the DOWN MAIL and other THROUGH PASSENGER Trains will on and from SATURDAY next, the 13th instant, leave Colaba and all Stations up to Saphala, inclusive, 30 minutes earlier than now advertised.

ALL PASSENGERS by DOWN Trains will be required to ALIGHT at Palghar for Medical Inspection.

C. CROMMELIN,
TRAFFIC MANAGER.
Traffic Manager's office, Bombay, 11th February, 1897.

THE AHMEDABAD-PRANTEJ RAILWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF FINAL CALL.

AT a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 20th January, 1897, it was resolved that the FINAL CALL of Rs. 100 per Share should be paid on or before the 1st March, 1897, from which date interest will accrue.

SHAREHOLDERS are requested to remit to us the amount due on the above Call in Currency Notes or by Postal Order or by Cheque or Draft payable in Bombay with the Share Certificate.

By Order of the Board,
KILLICK, NIXON & Co.,
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Elphinstone Circle, Bombay, 20th January, 1897.

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A. H. DEANE,
Actg. Hony. Secretary.
19th January, 1897.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the MEMBERS of the CLUB of WESTERN INDIA will be held on TUESDAY, the 16th February, 1897, at 9 A.M.

TOM LEMESURIER,
Honorary Secretary.
Poona, 15th January, 1897.

MADRAS RACES.

SECOND SPRING MEETING, 1897.

OWNERS are reminded that the FIRST ENTRANCES for the SECOND SPRING MEETING to be HELD on the 9th, 11th and 13th MARCH, 1897. CLOSE on MONDAY, the 15th instant.

Special attention is drawn to first para. of General Condition, No. 9.

J. O. HOOD,
Secretary, Madras Races.

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R. WOOLLCOMBE,
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Chief Storekeeper's Office, Parel, 9th February, 1897.

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III.—Tenders will only be received on these printed forms which are procurable on application at this office at the rate of two annas for each form.

IV.—Tenders will be opened at this office at Twelve o'clock noon on Friday, the 26th February, 1897. Parties tendering are invited to attend.

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J. DAVIDSON, CAPT., R.A.,
Ordnance Officer in Charge.
Mhow Arsenal, 5th February, 1897.

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Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	300
Bank of Madras	10,000	500	all	10 pr. ct.	1,315
Commercial & Ld. Mge ...	{10,000 / 15,000}	100	{100 / 75}	10. c. c.	145
EXCHANGE BANKS.					
Agra	100,000	210	all	5 pr. ct.	57
Chartter Bank ...	240,000	420	210	7 pr. ct.	64
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation ...	80,000	$125	all	61-5s.	211
National Bank o India	40,000	£25	£12½	6 pr. ct.	300
EXPRESS COMPANIES.					
Akbar	2800	1,250	1,250	Yearly 75	4,150
Albert Gramophone	100	200	all	18 pr. ct	45
Albert (Cornchest	200	1,100	1,100	Rs 80	1,150
Bellary	147	1,000	1,000	dvd 14 x	225
Bhowanigore City Press & Manfg Co. Ld	550	250	250	21	275
Bombay Cotton Broach Cawnpore Press Co., Ld	4,000	125	125	dv Rs12½	155
Bombay Cotton Broach Cawnpore Press Co., Ld	600	200	200	1	187½
Bopark City Press Co., Ld	600	200	200	dvd Rs26	230
Calcha	600	1,589	1,589	dvd Rs15	305
East India	350	1,000	1,000	75	1,375
English Press and Manfg ...	400	200	...	dvd Rs 8	95
Fort	150	9,500	500	25+3	1,100
French	300	500	500	dvd Rs30	540
Harvey and Selsaphy ...	450	450	500	dvd Rs10	350
Hingoli Press Co., Ld	700	100	100	dvd Rs11	435
Khangaum	210	450	450	Rs10	530
Mahura Press Co., Ld	300	200	all	15 pr. ct	235
Maphilmadpura Cotton G. and Pr. Co., Ld. ...	393	500	500	51	95
Mercantile ...	1,000	125	125	dvd Rs 4	75
Mofussil Co ...	5,125	400	400	dvd Rs20	330
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Samson	300	500	500	20	55
Shad and Punjab Co	400	1,000	1,000	200	2,751
Shad	400	2,000	750	50	530
Ujrah Woollen Mills	1,200	250	250	Nil	75
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Vetkart	...	1,000	10	dvd Rs12	108
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TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 30m. Sun sets, 5h. 59m. High water, 5-10m., 9-21s. Low water, 1-10m., 1-5s.
P. and O. s. s. India, with English mails of the 29th ultimo, due to arrive, 4 a.m.
Chamber of Commerce, ballot for an elective Port Trustee, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Y. M. C. A., Apollo Bunder, Special meeting for soldiers and sailors in the Parlour, 7-45 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre, the Strand Comedy Company.
Music at the Yacht Club, 5-45 p.m.
Music on the Esplanade, 5-45 p.m.

POLO.—There will be a game, to-day, at 4-30 p.m.

VOLUNTEER DANCE.—The Bombay Rifle Club fancy dress dance, fixed to take place at the Town Hall this evening, is unavoidably postponed. The date on which it will take place will be notified hereafter.

MRS. ANNIE BESANT.—Mrs. Besant is due in London on the 1st of March at the latest, being booked for America by a steamer which is timed to sail on the 6th March. She will arrive in Bombay from the famine-stricken districts, where she now is, early in the morning of Saturday, the 13th February, and after taking a little rest at the Blavatsky Lodge of the Bombay Theosophical Society, she will embark in the same day's mail steamer.

FATALITY IN THE HARBOUR.—About half-past 5 o'clock, on Wednesday evening, Issack Mahomed, aged thirty years, kalassi on diver boat No. 45, was engaged by one Bhaudin Nanumia, a kalassi on the steam-launch Cawri to dive at Mody Bunder for the purpose of recovering a sheet of iron, which had been accidentally dropped into the sea by Bhaudin. Issack dived, and having found the iron, came on shore. He then had a line let down, with which to fasten the iron, and dived again for the purpose of securing the iron but was not afterwards seen. There was about twelve feet of water near the bunder, the tide being at the time ebbing out.

MUSIC AT THE YACHT CLUB.—By permission of Colonel Cooper and Officers, the Band of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers will play the following programme at the Royal Bombay Yacht Club, this evening, at 5-45 :—

March ..... Am Schonen Strand der Elbe... Vollstedt
Overture ..... Masaniello ..... Auber
Gavotte ..... Willkommen ..... Kuss
Selection ..... Reminiscenes of ..... Godfrey
A Dervish Chorus ..... Sonek
Valse ..... Reverie ..... Waldteufel

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MUSIC ON THE ESPLANADE.—The Band of the 21st Bombay Infantry, under the direction of Bandmaster A. Mallandaine, will play the following pro-gramme, this evening, at 5-45 p.m. :—

Fest March ..... Aennchen Von Tharau... Hofmann
Fantasia ..... A Pastoral Scene..... Hume
Reminiscences of Sullivan..... Sullivan
Valse ..... Innsmorata ..... Florence Fare
Aria (clarionet solo)..I Martiri ..... Donizetti
Galop ..... Lebenswecker ..... Coraggio

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN.

DARING HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—Before Mr. F. S. Taleyarkhan, Acting Fourth Presidency Magistrate at the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Constable Metha charged Narayen, a Hindu lad, aged fourteen years, and Cassinath, an old offender, the former with stealing a currency note for Rs. 10 from the person of Balla Ramji, a Kamathi bricklayer, residing at Kamathipura, and the latter with aiding and abetting the former in the commission of the offence. About noon, on Sunday, complainant was going along the Grant Road, when both the accused went up to him. No. 2 caught hold of the complainant by both his hands, saying, "You are the man I have been looking for, while No. 1 thrust his hand into his pocket, and having forcibly removed a currency note for Rs. 10, handed it to his confederate. The two accused then attempted to decamp, but they were pursued by some of the townsmen, who arrested them and gave them in police custody, the note being found on the person of the second accused. His Worship convicted both the accused, and sentenced the lad to be kept in the Sassoon Reformatory for a period of four years, and the second accused, against whom stood a register of three previous convictions, to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

THE LATE MRS. SONABAI SUNDERNATH KHOTE.—The death of Bai Sonabai Khote, second daughter of late Mr. Shantaram Narayan, the Public Prosecutor, Appellate Side, High Court, Bombay, and the wife of Mr. Sundernath Dinanath Khote, is recorded. The late Mrs. Sonabai Khote belonged to the Sarswat Brahmin community, and was one of the few Hindu ladies who had received a sound English education. She was only twenty-seven years old at the time of her death, which event took place on the 8th instant, at Malad, about twenty miles from Bombay, in spite of the best medical treatment and the best nursing, and after a short illness of fever and pneumonia. The sad news is sure to be received with deep regret by numerous friends. Unlike other Hindus, the late Mr. Shantaram remained content with the two daughters he had, and refrained from adopting a male child, and gave them sound and practical education. She was "the intelligent companion of her husband and his fellow-labourer in every useful and patriotic work," and always took an active part in all educational and social movements for the welfare of her sisters even at the sacrifice of her health, which was generally indifferent. This afforded her an opportunity to come in contact of numerous English and Native ladies, and her amiable disposition, simple and unassuming manners and sterling qualities made her numerous friends. Amongst the various movements in which the late Mrs. Khote took an active part may be mentioned the Lady Reay Memorial Fund, the Countess of Dufferin's Fund, and the Countess of Dufferin Memorial Movement. She also consented to collect specimens by Indian ladies for the Chicago Exhibition. She always took great interest in current topics, and devoted her leisure hours in reading and in the service of her sisters in some way or other. She leaves behind her two daughters and a son, only about a fortnight old. Her sudden and premature death has cast a gloom in both the families of the late Mr. Shantaram Narayan and the late Mr. Raghunath Narayen Khote, C. I. E., and a large circle of friends and relations.

INDIAN GUARANTEE ASSOCIATION.

AT the twenty-fifth annual general meeting of shareholders of the above Association, held at Albert Building, yesterday, the directors report and statement of accounts were approved and passed, and Rs. 3,000 carried to the reserve fund, which now amounts to a sum equal to 11½ per cent. of the paid-up capital. A dividend of 10 per cent. for the year 1896 was declared payable on or after the 16th instant. An average dividend of 10 per cent. has been paid for twenty five years, which shows careful management on the part of Mr. Mc. Lauchlan Slater, who founded the Association in the year 1892, and has since carried it on with great success. It also shows that the natives who have been guaranteed by the Association have been pretty honest. We wish such a useful institution continued success. The report was as follows :—

During the year ending 31st December, 1896, 118 proposals were made to the company for guaranteeing sums amounting in the aggregate to Rs. 2,20,640, of which there have been accepted and completed 74, aggregating Rs. 1,05,800. On the new policies effected during the year, the annual premia amounted to Rs. 2,233-8-0. During the year 57 bonds, guaranteeing Rs. 82,450 have lapsed by change of employment or otherwise, without loss to the Association. There have been two claims preferred and paid during the year on account of guarantee obligations amounting to Rs. 4,627-0-6. The revenue of the year ending 31st December, 1896, as appears from the accounts fledby the auditor, appended hereto, amounts to Rs. 1,24,1-3-2. To which add balance from last year's account Rs. 10,430-5-3, together Rs. 23,171-13-5. The expenditure including advertisements printing charges, license tax, and law charges, &c., has been Rs. 4,229-9-9, the sum set aside on account of dividend for 1895 Rs. 5,000, add sum added to reserve fund Rs. 5,200, claims Rs. 627-0-6, Rs. 15,05-10-3, making a divisible surplus of Rs. 8,115-3-2 of this amount the sum of Rs. 2,000 is recommended to be carried to the reserve fund, and out of the balance of Rs. 5,115-3-2 the directors recommend the payment of a dividend on the paid-up capital for the year ending 31st December, 1896, at the rate of 10 per cent. which will absorb Rs 5,000 carrying forward a balance of Rs 115-3-2, to next year's account. One of the directors, Mr. W M Macaulay, and the auditor, Mr. M M Dadina, retire, but offer themselves for re-election. The directors have elected Mr E R Smetham, a director in room of Mr. A. C. Walker, retired, and recommend his appointment for confirmation of the shareholders. The directors congratulate the shareholders on the steady progress of the institution.

MAJOR TURNER had a very nasty spill over one of the jumps in the steeplechase at the Tollygunge Gymkhana on Saturday. It looked bad from the stand, as he was thrown heavily on his head, *Aconite* not rising to the wall at all. He stuck to the reins, however, managed to remount, and is, we are glad to say, none the worse for the accident.

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MURDER DURING THE DELIRIUM OF THE BUBONIC FEVER.

ABOUT a quarter to 4 o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon, a Hindu came running out of Chundanwady on to the Girgaum Road, crying out "I have committed murder." A police havaldar and sepoy of the A Division, on hearing the cry arrested the man. On being questioned as to what the matter was he took the policemen to his house at Chundanwady. On entering the room, which is on the ground floor, the policemen found the wife of the accused lying on a mattress, covered with blood and several incised wounds about her face, neck and hands. Close by her was found a flat stone and a large chopper knife, both being covered with blood. The injured woman was unable to speak and was immediately conveyed to the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital. It appears that the husband, who is a Bhundaree by caste and employed as a compositor in the Government Central Press, resided with his wife and sister. Five days ago he obtained three months' leave intending to go to his native country on account of a number of fatal cases of the bubonic fever having occurred in the house. All the tenants had left except one, who also fell a victim to the malady yesterday morning. A daiy after he had obtained leave from the Press, the husband, whose name is Pandoo Raghoo, was attacked with fever and since that day he had been asking his wife Luximee and his sister to go with him to his native country, but they refused to do so, the wife stating that she would rather prefer to go to her native country than his. Pandoo then got angry and so me abusive words passed between them. On Tuesday afternoon Pandoo questioned the deceased about her ornaments, which, it appears, she had given to her sisters husband at her native country withouth the knowledge and consent of Pandoo. The deceased replied that she did not know anything about her ornaments and a quarrel again took place. On the same day Luximee was also attacked with fever and both of them were attended to by Pandoos sister. About 3 o'clock, on Wednesday afternoon, Pandoo got up, and having picked up a knife from a bench in the kitchen was going into his wife's room, when his sister caught hold of the blade of the knife, but in doing so sustained a slight cut on her fingers. The sister got frightened and was running out of the room, when Pandoo followed her and struck her on the head, inflicting a slight wound. When she got out of the house, Pandoo closed the door of the room from inside and rushed to his wife. He placed his wife's head on the stone, and hacked her about the neck face and hands. He then made his exit through the back door, and coming on to the main road, surrendered himself up to the police. The woman died in the hospital at 5 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mr. Allan F. Turner, the coroner, had an inquiry, yesterday morning, at the Goculdas Tejpal Hospital, regarding the circumstances touching the death of the woman Luximee, aged thirty-five years, wife of the accused Pandoo Ragoo, who was also present at the inquiry. Superintendent Grennan, assisted by Inspector Rosshurst, watched the proceedings on behalf of the police. Dr. Sidney Smith, the Surgeon to the coroner, who made an autopsy of the body of the deceased, said that there was a contused wound behind the left ear about an inch long exposing the bone ; the lower part of the ear being also cut to the extent of half-an-inch. There was also an incised wound half an inch long on the cheek close to the left angle of the mouth There was a third incised wound half an inch long on the chin running to the left below the lower lip. The fourth incised wound was about an inch long exposing the bone on the right cheek. There was also a superficial wound in a line with the last mentioned wound and extending to the right ear, which was also superficially wounded. There was an incised wound on the forefinger of the left hand, exposing the bone and a similar wound just below the knuckle of the left little finger. There were several small abrasions on the left shoulder, and a large one on the right shoulder. None of the above mounds were, in the opinion of Dr. Smith, fatal ones. From the evidence he had heard and the result of the post mortem examination, Dr. Smith was of opinion that death was due to shock, the result of the wounds, she being at the time very ill.

Dr Easden the house serzeon to the Goculdas Tajpal Hospital, after decribing the injuries sustained by the deceased, stated that on admission she was in a low and weak condition and was not able to give an account of the injuries. Her temperature was 100° and from her appearance it was evident that she had been ill previous to receiving the wounds She died at 5 o'clock yesterday morning. None of the wounds were of a fatal character. The accused was also admitted into the hospital at the same time suffering from fever, the temperature being 102°. He was then confused and delirious during the night. He was wandering at the moment when the inquiry was proceeding After some further evidence was recorded. the jury brought in a verdict of manslaughter against the prisoner during the delirium of fever.

HIGH COURT.—APPELLATE SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE JARDINE and the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE RANADE.)

A MAGISTRATE'S "IRRELEVANT DISCUSSION."

IMPERATRIX VS KHANDU KRISHNA AND SIX OTHERS.

THIS was a review by their lordships of the proceedings in this case of Mr. J. M. Cursetjee, first class Magistrate at Satara, who, in August last, convicted the accused of defamation and fined them Rs. 25 each, or in default to suffer three months' rigorous imprisonment. It appeared that the accused caused the complainant to be expelled from their caste owing to his having aided one Bhagu, woman, in securing her right to maintenance in a British court of justice, such expulsion being a tyrannical act of the caste, and contrary to natural justice, and thereby lowered him in the estimation and respect of his caste.

Mr. Justice Jardine, in giving the court's decision, said : We are of opinion that the magistrate, in his discussion about the natural justice of the proceedings of the accused at the caste meeting of the 6th May, went into irrelevant matter. A penal statute must be construed strictly : and this remark is very pertinent to the definition of defamation in section 499 of the Indian Penal Code. It is not easy to gather either from the charge, or the evidence, or the judgment what the words were which were, in the magistrate's judgment, defamation within the definition. The accused appear to have expelled the complainant from caste, because he had made a complaint to a court. But to say of any person that he has exercised such an ordinary right of the subject as to complain of wrong to a court is not defamation. To hold that it is would, on the mere statement, be absurd. The magistrate ought, if the complaint disclosed any offence whatever, to have ascertained what the words used were. We doubt also the propriety of making the accused to do defendants. The award of rigorous imprisonment in default of payment of fine is contrary to section 66 of the Penal Code. The court sets aside the convictions and sentences, and directs the return of the fines, if levied.

HIGH COURT.—ORIGINAL SIDE.

(Before the Hon. Mr. JUSTICE STRACHEY.)

A PROPERTY IN DANGER OF BEING WASTED.

DAWOOD OOMER ESSA AND ANOTHER VS. ISABAI, WIDOW, AND ANOTHER.

MR. ANDERSON, on behalf of the plaintiffs, moved for a rule *nisi* and interim injunction, and for an order to restrain the defendants from collecting the rent and outstandings of the estate of Osman Soonta, deceased, and for the appointment of a receiver. Mr. Anderson stated that the plaintiffs, the nephews of the deceased, had brought a suit in the High Court against the defendants, who were the widows of the deceased Osman, who died at Bhownuggur, leaving behind him an estate of the value of about Rs. 13,000, consisting of a house and outstandings. The defendants, the widows, were in possession of the whole property, and they refused to recognise the rights of the plaintiffs according to Mahomedan law. The defendants, as the widows of the deceased, were entitled to one-fourth of the estate, while the plaintiffs were entitled to the residue. The defendants, it was alleged, were illiterate persons, who, if the property remained in their hands, were sure to waste it.

His lordship, after hearing Mr. Anderson, issued a rule *nisi* and an interim injunction restraining the defendants from collecting or appropriating to their own use the rents of and the outstandings due to the estate. An order was also made for the appointment of a receiver.

DIVINE SERVICE.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
11 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral) with Sermon by the Rev. Father Gardner.
10 a.m.—Matins.
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1ST SAILING RACE.—Sealed Handicap for all Yachts of Royal Bombay Yacht Club Membership (not including those under Rule 34) which have sailed during the Regatta. Entrance, Rs. 10 1st Prize, Rs. 250 ; 2nd Prize, Rs. 100 ; 3rd Prize, Rs. 50, Course No 7.

Yacht's name	Entered by	
Turquoise	Mr E S Luard	1
Eileen	Lt R St J Gillespie	2
Kiralyne	Mr E Comber	0
Manikin	Capt S J Chamier	0
Princess	Mr F A Little	0
Isca	Capt W F Potts	0
Comtit	Mr R H H Hopkins.....	0
Nanta	Mr C T R Scovell	0
Kismet	Mr W P Symonds	0
Melody	Mr J B K Macbeth	0
Janetta	Officer, R E	0
Red Rose	Capt John Hext, R N	0

COURSE No. 7—From Committee Vessel round Middle Ground Buoy, leaving it to port, round Tucker Beacon, leaving it to port, round Red Channel Buoy W-N-W of Butcher Island, and Red Channel Buoy, north of Butcher Island, leaving both to starboard round mark-boat with "R" flag on Mooring Buoy, N-E of Butcher Island, leaving it to starboard, round Butcher Beacon, leaving it to starboard, and thence round North Karanja Buoy, leaving it to starboard, finishing at Committee Vessel.

2ND SAILING RACE.—Handicap for Yachts coming under Rule XXXIV. and outsiders any size and rig. Entrance, Rs. 5. 1st Prize, Rs. 100. To start at 3 p.m. Course No. 6.

Yacht's name	Entered by	
Bluebell	Mr W W Squire	
Violet	Capt Geo Wilson	0

Course No. 6.—From Committee Vessel round Middle Ground Buoy, leaving it to port, round Tucker Beacon, leaving it to port, round Red Channel Buoy W-N-W of Butcher Island, leaving it to starboard round North Karanja Buoy, leaving to it starboard, and thence to Committee Vessel.

3RD SAILING RACE.—Licensed Karachi Boats. Entrance free. 1st Prize, Rs. 30, and 2nd Prize, Rs 15. Four boats to start, or no 2nd Prize. To start at 3-15 p. m. Course No 6.

Boat's name	Number	Entered by	
Parwati	5138	Mahomed Hossein	1
Barkhuty	5474	Shaik Hasan	2
Luxumee	2055	Ahmed Shaik Shahabdin .	0
Barkhuty	5511	Mahomed Alli	0
Dustagiri	5150	Abdool Cadir	0
Salamuty	4833	Ally Saheb.....	0

1ST ROWING RACE.—Eight oared and over. Man-of-War and *Bona-fide* ships' open boats. Entrance Rs. 3. 1st Prize, Rs. 50, 2nd Prize, Rs. 15. Four Boats to start, or no 2nd Prize. To start at 4-30 p. m.

Boat name	Entered by	
H M'S Abyssinia's Cutter (12 oars)..Lt L H Richardson, N N..		1
H M'S Assaye's " (10 ")... " " ...		2
H M'S Magdala's " 1 (10 ")... " " ...		0
H M'S Magdala's " 2 (10 ")... " " ...		0

COURSE.—From North Karanja Buoy round Flagstaff Shoal Buoy, leaving it to port and thence to finish between Committee Vessel and Yacht Club Flagstaff. Distance—about 3 miles.

2ND ROWING RACE.—Torpedo Boats' Punts. Two men and no coxswains allowed. Entrance, free. 1st prize, Rs. 10 ; 2nd prize, Rs. 5. Four boats to start, or no 2nd prize. To start as soon after previous race as contenient.

Boat's name	Entered by	
No 100 Torpedo Boats..Lt L H Richardson, R N		1
" 104 " " "		2
" 101 " " "		0
" 102 " " "		0
" 103 " " "		0
" 105 " " "		0
" 106 " " "		0

COURSE.—From Flagstaff Shoal Buoy to finish between Committee Vessel and Yacht Club Flagstaff. Distance—about 3 miles.

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON THURSDAY THE 11TH OF FEBRUARY, 1897.

SUMMARY.

PRESSURE has decreased briskly to rapidly in Sind, the Punjab, Rajputana, and at Jhansi, Bhuj, Saugor Masulipatam, Madras, Coimbatore, Trichinopoly Negapatam and Colombo. Gradients are moderate to slight. Winds are very variable in direction, and the force has been moderate to light. This morning the wind velocity was 12 miles an hour at Lahore and 10 at Malegaon, The maximum temperature is in very large excess of the normal at Raipur and Nagpur, and the minimum similarly so at Lahore, Jeypore, Indore, Jubbulpore, Hoshangabad, Khandwa, Nagpur, Akola, and Bellary. The highest temperature in the shade was 98° at Sholapur and Bellary, and the lowest 46° at Jacobabad. Humidity has increased considerably at Allahabad, Ahmedabad, and Jubbulpore, and the skies are cloudy to overcast in the Punjab, the Central Provinces, Berar, and at Allahabad, Jeypore, Ghadechi, Indore, Malegaon, Bombay, Ahmednagar, Aurangabad, Belgaum, Coimbatore, Negapatam, and Colombo. A few drops of rain are reported from Allahabad and Jubbulpore. The abnormal chart indicates that a depression exists over the country lying to the north of Lasitude 24°, and the weather there is in an unsettled condition. Conditions are favourable for local rain in the Punjab, the North-West and Central Provinces and Gujarat.

W. C. NIGEL JONES,
Acting Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

THURSDAY EVENING, FEB. 11.

At the weekly biddings for Indian Council Bills in London yesterday, 8 lakhs, out of the 50 offered, were allotted to Calcutta, 3½ lakhs to Bombay, and half-a-lakh to Madras, at 1s. 3 9-32d., at which tenders were accepted in full; 26¼ lakhs of Wire Transfers having also been allotted to Calcutta, 4 lakhs to Bombay, and 2 lakhs to Madras at 1s. 3 3-8d., at which rate also tenders were accepted in full. These rates are the same as were obtained for both media of remittance at the previous Wednesday's regular allotments; but are 7-32d. less both for Bills and Transfers than the highest price obtained for extra sales made meantime. No extra allotments were made yesterday. It is announced that 50 lakhs will be allotted again next week. The Exchange Banks' buying rate in London on India was put down 1-16d. yesterday, making it stand at 1s. 2 29-32d. per rupee.

Consols advanced ¼ per cent. yesterday, returning to Monday's quotation of 112 7-8; but Indian Sterling Loan was 1/2 per cent. lower, at 118. Three and-a-half per cent. Rupee Securities declined 3-16ths to £62 1/2. The price of Bar Silver in London was 1-16 lower, at 29 11-16d. per oz.; and in New York the metal was 1-8th cent cheaper, at 64 5-8 cents per oz.; with demand Exchange on London ¼ cent higher, at 4·86¾ dollars. About £100,000 in Gold was paid into the Bank of England yesterday, French Rentes in Paris advanced ¼ per cent. to 102¾; Paris Exchange on London was a shade lower, at fcs. 25·19¼.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed easier last evening; Surats quiet; Arrivals steady; the day's Sales having aggregated 10,000 bales, inclusive of 100 East Indians. Both spot and arrival quotations were all unchanged. The day's Imports were 20,000 bales. The Manchester market was quiet.

A decline of 1-16 cent took place in the price of ready Mid.-Uplands Cotton in New York yesterday, at 7 3-16 cent, and May Futures were 18 points lower, at 6·91 cents per lb. The Receipts at the U. S. Ports were 18,000 bales; and the following comparison is now shown between this season's receipts to date and those in the two preceding years for the same time:—

	1897.	1896.	1895.
Wednesday's Receipts...	18,000	13,000	21,000
Four days' do.	83,000	74,000	97,000
Since 1st Sept. 1896	5,710,000	4,135,000	6,395,000

There has been a rather better enquiry for Cotton in our local market for the staple to-day, but at lower prices, quotations having been reduced by Re. 1 to Rs. 2 per candy, all round. "Fine" Bengals have been done at Rs. 151; and ready Broach, at Rs. 185 per candy, the latter having been taken for Japan.

This morning's official weather and crop reports from the districts by wire state that the weather at Broach, where the third picking was progressing was cloudy and unseasonable; but no further rain had fallen; at Wadwan, and Dhollera, in the Dhollera circle, Cotton was arriving in small quantities; and at Hubli, in the Dharwar circle, picking had partially begun and arrivals in the district marts had begun.

WHEAT and SEEDS are unchanged, hardly any fresh business being reported, and prices nominally the same as before.

The Receipts of Produce into Bombay, yesterday, were as follows:—

Cotton	9,127 bales.
Wheat	6,026 cwts.
Rapeseed	935 "
Gingellyseed	5,374 "
Groundnuts	1,344 "
Rice	4,187 "

FREIGHTS.—This market remains very quiet. There is little doing except for this month's shipment of small lots of Cotton. Private telegrams report that the absolute prohibition of the importation of East Indian produce has been withdrawn as regards, at all events, Havre and Dunkirk.

EXCHANGE opened quiet but steady at 1s. 3 5-16d. for Bank Telegraphic; 1s. 3 11-32d. for Demand; and at 1s. 3 15-32d. for three months' sight Credits. A fair amount of business has been reported, both ways, ready and forward, three months' Bills having been placed for the mail at 1s. 3 7-16d.; the market closing steady as follows:—

Bank Bills on Demand ...1s. 3 11-32d.	per Rs.
Do. Telegraphic .....1s. 3 5-16d.	"
Do. 3 months' sight ...1s. 3 13-32d.	"
Credits do. ... 1s. 3 15-32d.	"
Francs do. ..... 1·62 3-4	"

GOVERNMENT PAPER.—Opening quotations for 3½ per Cents were given as 98 7-8 for Money, 99 1-8 for Account, but they advanced afterwards to 99 and 99 3-8 in the two positions, respectively, the Bank of Bengal being reported to have bought 5 lakhs at the latter rate, the market at Calcutta being apparently somewhat strong. 98, nominal, has been quoted for Threes.

SHARES.—There is still nothing doing in this market and quotations are nominally unchanged.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS.—FEBRUARY 9.

White, Lt, Bengal, 18th R Irish, on leave, from Jubbulpore.
Kantzow, Lt, Bengal, 2nd Derby Regt, on leave, from Bareilly
Pinch, Surg-Lt, Punjab, I M S, on duty, from Unballa.
Williams, Capt, Punjab, 1st Devon, on leave, from Peshawar.
Reeves, Lt, Punjab, 1st The Buffs, on leave, from Peshawar.
Muspeatt, Capt. Punjab, 30th P I, on leave, from Peshawar.
Macmill, Capt, Punjab, 2nd A and S High, on leave, from Nawshera.
Bright, 2nd-Lt, Punjab, 1st The Buffs, on leave, from Peshawar.
Hall, Lt, Punjab, 15th B L, on furlough, from Peshawar.
Cripps, Lt, Punjab, 1st K R Rifles, on leave, from Jullunder.
Magratt, Capt, Punjab, 1st Sikhs, on furlough, from Edwardesabad.
Dobbin, Capt, Punjab, 1st Sikhs, on furlough, from Edwardesabad.
Johnstone, Capt, Punjab, 5th P I, on furlough, from Simla.
Alexander, 2nd-Lt, Ms, 1st Dorset Regt, on leave, from Banglore.
Health, Capt, Bo, R A, on leave, from Quetta.
Barnett, Surg-Capt, Bo, I M S, on leave, from Quetta.
Mayhew, Major, Bo, R A, from Karachee.
Lyster, Major, Bo, R A, on duty, from Karachee.

FEBRUARY 10.

Leader, Lt, Bo, Middlesex Regt, on leave, from Purandhar.
MacEwen, Lt, Bo, Middlesex Regt, on leave, from Kirkee.
Glennie, Lt-Col, Bo, R E, on duty, from England.

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White, 2nd-Lt, Bo, R I, Rifles, on leave, from Poona.
Stevens, 2nd-Lt, Bo, R I, Rifles, on leave, from Poona.

DEPARTURES.—FEBRUARY 8.

Bath, Lt, Bo, R Fusirs, on duty, to Deolali.
Sweny, 2nd-Lt, Bo, Fusirs, on duty, Deolali.

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Attree, Major, Bo, R E, on duty, from Quetta.
Wood, Capt, Bo, R A, on leave, to Ellichpur.

FEBRUARY 11.

Johnstone, Capt, Punjab, 5th P. I, on furlough to England.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR G. W. ROUGHTON, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 12th February 1897.

1. The Range Finding Class will meet at the Arsenal Gate this morning (Friday) at 7 a.m. sharp.
2. There will be Class Firing at Cooria to-day (Friday). Recruits are particularly requested to attend. Trains leave Victoria Terminus at 6, 6-40, and 7-5 a.m (Bombay time) and Byculla 12 minutes later in each case.
3. The Examination for Proficiency certificates will be held at the Byculla Head-quarters at 7 a.m. on Saturday, the 6th March, 1897.
4. The Corps will parade on Saturday the 13th instant for class firing at Cooria.
Dress.—Drill order, carbines only.
Trains leave the Victoria Terminus at 2-30, 3, 3-30, 4-15 and 4-39 p.m., (Bombay time) and Byculla 12 minutes later in each case.
Light Refreshments will be provided.
Members of the B. V. A. Cycling Club who attend the Class Firing parade and who wish to ride back should bring their cycles and lamps.
Dress.—Drill order. Putties to be worn; carbines only, slung.
5. The following members having joined is taken on the strength of the Corps from this date and posted to No. 2 Subdivn. No. 2 Company:—No. 528 Gunner S. Burgess.
6. The following member having rejoined is taken on the strength of the Corps from this date and posted to No. 2 Subdivn. No. 2 Company:—No. 437 Gunner G. A. Ramsay.

By order,
A. J. PEILE, Lieut. R. A.
Adjutant B. V. A.

THERMOMETER READINGS.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.—FEBRUARY 10.

10 p.m.	71·4

THURSDAY.—FEBRUARY 11.

6 a.m.	70·4
10 a.m.	73·6
2 p.m.	75·0
10 p.m.	74·4

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES.

[FOR CHARGE FOR NOTIFYING A DOMESTIC OCCURRENCE IS TWO RUPEES. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MUST BE AUTHENTICATED.]

MAHABLESHWAR.

BIRTH.

PEILE—February 10, at Mahableshwar, the wife of Lieut. A. J. Peile R.A., of a daughter.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

LOVETT-THOMAS—February 8, at Naini Tal, the wife of L. H. Lovett-Thomas, Deputy Inspector-General, N.-W. P. and O. Police, of a son.

WALSH—January 21, at Allahabad, the wife of J. W. Walsh, Deputy Registrar, High Court, N.-W. P., of a son (Patrick Algernon).

MARRIAGE.

BERCKEFELDT—MAYER—February 3, at All Saints' Cathedral, Allahabad, by the Rev. J. L. B. Cookin, Franz Wilhelm Jobst Von Berckefeldt, sixth son of Major Carl Von Berckefeldt of Bothmer, Prov. Hanover, to Ernestine, fourth daughter of Mr. Julius Mayer, of Konstanz, Germany and Allahabad.

DEATHS.

CLARK—January 31, at Chakradharpur, Bengal-Ngapur Railway, Matthew Hanbury Seymour ("The J."), in his 31st year.

MCALLISTER—January 29, at Simla, William Hastings, only son of the late Robert Hastings McAllister, aged 13 years 4 months and 20 days.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

*** ALL communications intended for publication in our columns, should be addressed to the Editor, and not to any individual member of the staff.

The Bombay Gazette

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1897.

IT was felt from the first that the extraordinary decree passed by the French authorities prohibiting the importation of all goods from Bombay and Karachi must undergo modification, when its needlessness and injurious effect upon French manufacturing industries were demonstrated. We are glad to learn that such modification has been made before the absurd decree has remained in force a single week. The interdiction of our produce remains so far as the Mediterranean ports are concerned, but it is no longer applicable to the Ocean and Channel ports of France. With the exception of the articles prohibited by the earlier orders of Government (rags, old clothes, hides, bones and animal refuse) merchandise from this port or Karachi will be admitted after disinfection at Bordeaux, St. Nazaire, Havre, Dunkirk and other Channel ports. Thus the two staple exports—cotton and wheat—can now go forward to the great relief of firms here whose outward consignments are on the high seas. The captains of vessels at Marseilles awaiting orders as to what is to be done with their cargo, will doubtless be instructed by the respective shipping firms to land the cargo at one or other of these ports. It is noteworthy that the rules apply to Indian ports "directly or indirectly" affected, and it may be that this way of stating the case will make the restrictions still existing applicable to vessels from Calcutta and Madras. The important modification in the attitude of the French Government is a good augury that the forthcoming Plague conference will be amenable to reason and to the facts which Surgeon-General Cleghorn will place before the delegates as to the strictness of the regulations to prevent the spread of the disease by sea-faring vessels.

While the French prohibition of imports from Bombay and Karachi has been thus modified, the interdiction at both Malta and Gibraltar remains in force. Our trade with these military stations however is quite small and cannot be named in the same day with that we carry carry on with France. From Gibraltar we receive imports (consisting almost entirely of Spanish wines) ranging in value from half to three-quarters of a lakh of rupees per annum. Our exports are not quite so restricted. In 1894-95 they amounted in value to two and a-half lakhs of rupees, and last year to five lakhs and twenty thousand. By far the largest share of this total was in wheat, and as that commodity is not now being exported, owing to the scarcity, the injury done to our trade by the prohibition of the military authorities is less extensive than might be supposed from the figures we have quoted. Our business with Malta is insignificant. The imports amounted last year in value to Rs. 32,195, and the exports to Rs. 1,13,981. The former consisted of cigars and pellitory, and the principal item in the latter was China silk piece-goods. It may be pointed out that there were good reasons for the prohibitions enforced at these military stations, which did not apply to the much more serious closure of French ports to our commodities. Malta and Gibraltar are both dependent upon the foreign countries immediately adjacent to them for their supplies, and it is very needful that the authorities in Italy and Spain should be satisfied that communication can be kept up with the two British stations without fear of infection. No manufacturing interests are injured by the decision of the Governors of Malta and Gibraltar. Although there is nothing to show that the prohibition was at all necessary, we may excuse the action taken by them, on the ground that the motive in view was to put it in force solely from a desire to make assurance doubly sure in regard to the maintenance of a clean bill of health in the respective garrisons.

A NARRATIFE of the "Downfall of Prempeh," by Major R. S. S. Baden Powell, has just been published by Methuen and Co., London. What the author modestly calls a sketch, a rough diary of the Ashanti Campaign from his point of view, makes a very interesting book. Major Baden Powell commanded the Native levy, formed to aid in the expedition to Kumassi, and was at some distance from the centre of operations. This fact favours the bird's eye breadth of view he takes of the campaign. The moral of his book he gives in the preface, "A smile and a stick will carry you through any difficulty in the world, more especially if you act upon the old West Coast motto, 'Softly, softly, catchee monkey.'" It was in this spirit that we conquered Ashanti. The argument that war with King Prempeh entailed bloodshed he disposes of by declaring that we stopped centuries of human sacrifice, it having been the immemorial custom of the Ashantis to sacrifice on every possible occasion hundreds of slaves. They do not need slaves as currency, for gold-dust is the coin of their realm, nor as labourers, for the vegetable food of the Ashanti requires little or no cultivation. Every tribe formerly lived in terror of the Ashanti king, for he ruthlessly destroyed all who in self-defence sought our protection. The Ashantis raided freely round, bringing in slaves in bands who were afterwards sacrificed in "the death-place" in Kumassi. This grove is carpeted with the skulls and bones of hundreds of victims. A valuable fetish medicine was made from the blood of these wretched slaves. It was collected in a huge brass bowl five feet in diameter, on the edge of which at one spot the neck of the victims rested. The blood putrified in this basin, and when the leaves of certain herbs were added the decoction was ready. The different kings in the Ashanti empire had the same cheerful custom, and each practised human sacrifice in his own capital. At five fixed dates every year public human sacrifices were imposed; besides this many opportunities were gladly seized. For instance, on the death of any great personage two slaves were instantly killed at his threshold to attend him, and his grave was ready lined with the bodies of other slaves who were to form his retinue in his new life. If a great lady died, girl-slaves were sacrificed. The poetic name for this form of respect was "washing the grave" If a country lost its king by death, holocausts without number were offered. When war was declared victims were sacrificed to propitiate the gods. The death penalty was adjudged and carried out for the most trifling offences. In fact, like the wicked King in Alice in Wonderland, the cry was continuously "Off with his head!" The people delighted in these sacrifices, and to please them the excutioners often added the most fiendish tortures before death relieved the wretched victim.

In a treaty with the King of Ashanti in 1874, one of our stipulations was that this custom should cease. But the clause was a dead letter: executions went all the same. The breaking of the treaty was the chief cause of our expedition to Kumassi. Another was that King Prempeh had failed in his promise to keep open the high road between Kumassi and Cape Coast Castle. This road ensured an outlet from the Hinterland to the sea, and without it trade with that rich district was impossible. The third of our reasons for making war on Prempeh was that he had not paid up the war indemnity for the last expedition. When Prempeh was requested to accept a Resident at Kumassi, who would see that the clauses of the Treaty were carried out, he declined with various degrees of insult. Then he sent envoys to England. They were not received. The King meanwhile called upon the neighbouring chiefs and kings to get ready to help him in a war with the British. We sent our expedition, which arrived at Kumassi while Prempeh was not yet through with the preliminary fetish eating and oath-swearing, which had to be administered to his people, but we arrested Prempeh with his principal chiefs in an amazingly short time. The history of the expedition under Sir Francis Scott, from start to finish is vivid, and gives the events of that almost bloodless but successful campaign in lively chapters. It was a triumph of Commissariat arrangements and marching and camping organisation. A native levy was enrolled on the way after the simple fashion of saying that so many warriors were wanted; then "Kings are forked out of the hovels where they are lodging, at the end of a stick; they in their turn rouse their Captains, and the army is assembled. . . . Gradually out of chaos order comes. Kings and chiefs are installed as officers, and the men are roughly divided into companies under their orders." The uniform is the reverse of comprehensive; it consists of a red fez for each man, which delights him. Arms were to be issued at Prahsu not before. To accustom the new recruits to the weight of weapons they each get a commissariat load to carry for the intervening seventy miles. As the expedition marched to meet "the Lord of Heaven and Earth," as the king of Ashanti is called in his own country, it passed through miles and miles of fine forest scenery, in which "the only inharmonious quality that struck us is its aroma . . . . the rule here seems to be the prettier the spot, the more deadly is its air. Where you see the brilliant red wax-flowers gleaming beneath the great angle buttresses of a cotton tree, whose stem is covered for 50 feet with ferns and orchids, till 150 feet of creeper, hanging in one dense curtain, meets them from the upper branches, you stand a moment to admire, when, faugh! the loathsome smell assails and drives you forward."

Life on the march with the levy commanded by the author was anything but pastime. Two men to work six hundred was both mentally and physically a strain. The start alone every morning was enough to exhaust the patience and energy of any chief. When the site for a camp was selected, another campaign with the lively but evasive native levy began. Trees have to be felled, but why fell them? Major Baden Powell "for three days felled trees himself, till he found that he could get the tree felled equally well by merely showing the cracker of the hunting-crop. The men had loved to see him work." The crop though often shown was never used, he righteously observes. The huts are got up at last and the camp is duly formed. The levy on reaching Bekwai carried out the interesting ceremony of hoisting the British Flag. The King of that little State welcomed the advancing force effusively and made a great demonstration on the occasion, but could not rise to the demand for 2,000 soldiers. However, he fed them well, and was cheery, and after a little persuasion carried out quite half of his promises. On the march again, and at last they arrived in Kumassi which, instead of a city with a king's palace, gates and defences, they found to consist of different groups of the usual mud huts. There the doom of the Ashanti nation was pronounced. Prempeh was summoned to submit to the Governor. He, with the queen mother, walked from their chairs, bowed before Mr. Maxwell, and embraced his knees. The indemnity for the war was demanded, and as the portion agreed upon was not forthcoming, Prempeh and his chiefs were kept as guarantees for the payment of the indemnity. Accordingly, Prempeh, his mother, and chiefs were sentenced to be deported as prisoners to the Gold Coast. The strict Ashanti etiquette is to receive all news, however exciting, with studied indifference, but this sentence was too much for their stoicism, and they broke down. The queen, Major Baden Powell says, was the only man among them. Thus was Prempeh deposed, Kumassi was destroyed, the fetish village reduced to flame, and the great fetish-tree blown up with gun cotton. After a vain search in the King's country-house for the treasure and jewellery which they hoped to find, the expedition turns round sadly for the coastward march, which was sure to be beset by two enemies—Ashantis and fever. The first could be kept at bay or defeated; but the second insidious foe could not be attacked with such success, and the string of loaded hammocks became longer every day. But in seven days they reached Cape Coast Castle and there saw the English newspapers and learned something of what they had been doing. Naturally the different correspondents with the different camps had been sending home varied items of information, and when these were focussed in the London magnifying glasses they made astonishing views for the real actors, the pictures get turned topsy turvy and the facts likewise. However, the expedition was crowned with success, and sailed home in less than three months from the date of starting from Cape Coast Castle for Kumassi. How much had not been done in that short time?

THE recent decrease in the Bombay mortality returns has unfortunately not been maintained. Instead of a diminution to record for the past week we have a marked increase—the total being 58 in excess of the highest hitherto reported. 1,853 deaths for the week ending December 30 was thought to be probably the highest we should have occasion to register. But that total has been eclipsed. The figures for the past week show no less than 1,911, equivalent to a death-rate of 119·65 on a population of 821,764. That number is the population by the Census of 1891, and there is reason to believe that the total falls considerably below that at the present time. When it is remembered that at this period of the year the weekly death-roll should average 540, an adequate idea of the unhealthiness of the present time may be formed. The registered deaths from the pestilence number 745, an increase of 229 on the preceding week. The cases have apparently not only been more accurately registered, but are more numerous. Of the total number of deaths 473 persons died of other fevers, and 173 from phthisis as compared with a weekly average of 80. Ninety-six deaths occurred from diarrhœa and dysentery as against 31; and 174 of affections of the respiratory organs, 111 being the average. All diseases seem to have been more fatal in the past week than ordinarily. The cases of "bubonic fever," analysed, shows that while Mandvie, Chuckla, and Market have been practically free, Byculla has suffered most, the week's total there being set down at sixty-two. Mazagon, Tardeo, Kamatipura, Parel, and Mahim had each between forty and fifty deaths; Khetwadi and Sion between thirty and forty; Dhobi Talao, Khumbarwada, Girgaum, and Tadwadi between twenty and thirty; Middle and Lower Colaba, North Fort, Umarkhadi, Dongri, Walkeshwar, Mahalukshmi, and First Nagpada between ten and twenty. South Fort was the only district in which no fatal cases occurred. The classified list shows the pestilence to have carried off seven Jains, nineteen Brahmins, two Lingaets, two Bhatias, six hundred and five Hindus of all castes, thirty-three Musulmans, thirty-one Parsees, two Jews, forty Native Christians, and four Eurasians. Europeans, Negroes, and Chinese escaped.

THE Health Officer is having a pump, with a windmill to supply the motive power, erected experimentally in Kamatipura, to reduce the level of the subsoil water. If the experiment proves successful an important step will have been made towards the elimination of one of the most dangerous sources of malarious and other diseases—the saturation of the subsoil. Windmills cannot dispense with the necessity of completing the drainage of the city, but if they get rid of any considerable portion of the five millions of gallons of water which sink into the subsoil day in, day out, they will serve a very useful purpose.

IT has been very noticeable for some days past that considerable numbers of persons are finding their way into the city by rail and steamer and road from the districts suffering from scarcity. Dr Weir, yesterday, reported to the Municipal Commissioner that it is desirable that the same measures of observation with a view to the quarantine of suspected cases which are applied to persons leaving Bombay for the Mofussil should be applied to persons coming into Bombay. It is most important that the situation in Bombay should not be aggravated by the importation of disease from the Famine Districts by the advent of the sick and infirm in the localities where the pestilence is still rife, or has been partially eradicated.

THE import of grain from America, so frequently spoken of as likely, has now actually commenced at this port. Last evening the s. s. Remus, from Philadelphia, entered the harbour bringing 138,721 bushels of corn and 6,000 bags of grain, consigned to Messrs. Turner, Morrison and Co. Another vessel similarly laden is expected shortly.

MR. E. M. H. FULTON, I.C.S., has been appointed to act as a Judge of her Majesty's High Court of Judicature at Bombay, vice the Honourable Mr. Justice J. Jardine, I.C.S., retired.

IT is notified thath is Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor has accepted the resignation of the Honourable Mr. A. F. Beaufort of his office as an Aditional Member of the Council of the Governor of Bombay for

TELEGRAMS.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

THE CRETAN CRISIS.

LONDON, FEB. 11.

A circular has been issued by the Porte invoking the support of the Powers in restoring order in Crete.

The Powers are concerting representations at Athens for the recall of the Greek warships sent to Crete.

Greece has addressed a note to the Powers stating that she cannot remain a mere spectator of events in Crete.

THE STATE OF ANARCHY IN CRETE.

LONDON, FEB. 10.

Latest advices from Crete state that the Mussalmans have set fire to Retimo.

Fifteen hundred Christians blockade Eastern Crete.

CAPTURE OF BIDA.

DESPERATE FIGHTING; ONE OFFICER KILLED.

Despatches from the West Coast of Africa state that the Niger Company's forces captured Bida on the 26th January.

Thirty thousand Foulahs defended the place, which was only taken after a hard day's fighting.

The enemy at first outflanked the British, who formed square, repelling several desperate charges.

The British retired to their camp till the guns advanced, and then completed the rout of the enemy, who lost heavily.

Lieutenant Thomson, of the Leicester Regiment was the only white man killed.

THE EXCITEMENT AT ATHENS.

The excitement at Athens continues high.

PRINCE GEORGE COMMANDS THE TORPEDO FLOTILLA.

The special torpedo flotilla under the command of Prince George of Greece has sailed for Crete.

THE IMPERIAL LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEB. 11.

At the Council meeting, to-day, his Excellency the Viceroy presiding, the Hon'ble Mr. Chalmers presented the report of the Select Committee on the Bill to Amend the Negotiable Instruments Act of 1881.

In thecourse of their report the Committeesay that the object of this Bill is to assimilate the law contained in the Negotiable Instruments Act of 1881 to the law contained in section 74 of the Bills of Exchange Act of 1882 (45 and 46 Vict., C. 61). We think that the object can best be attained by adopting the language of the English Act. We have, therefore, substituted the terms of section 74 of the English Act for the present provisions of section 84 of the Indian Act. We have also added two illustrations to make the object of the new provisions clearer. As section 84 qualifies the provisions of section 82, and two sections must be read together we have thought it best to amend section 72 by prefixing the words "Subject to the provisions of section 84."

The Hon'ble Mr. Chalmers next moved that the bill to consolidate and extend the General Clauses Acts of 1868 and 1887 be referred to a Select Committee consisting of Sir James West land Rai Bahadoor Nanda Charlu, Sir Griffith Evans, the Hon. Mr. Sayani, Sir Henry Prinsep, and the mover, with instructions to report within one month.

The Hon. Mr. Pundit Bishambar Nath said that the Bill would when passed into law be of great service not only to the Legislature, but to the Bench and Bar in determining "prima facie" meaning of the terms that are constantly used in almost all Act.

The motion was then put and agreed to.

The Hon. Mr. Chalmer's motion for leave to introduce the Bill to repeal certain Obsolete Enactments, etc., was also put and agreed to, and the Council then adjourned for a week.

THE BANK OF BENGAL.

At their meeting, to-day, the directors of the Bank of Bengal made no change in the rate of interest, which remains at 10 per cent. Much surprise is expressed at their decision in view of the 12 per cent rate prevailing in Bombay.

This morning, in the bazaar the Marwarees were laying long odds, as much as 7 to 1, it is said, that the rate would be enhanced.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

HONKKONG, FEB. 11.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Mirzapore letf here for Bombay this afernoon.

ADEN, FEB. 11.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Peninsula, with the homeward mails of the 6th instant, arrivedbur at 6-30 a.m., to-day.

COLOMBO, FEB. 10.

The P. and O. Co.'s steamer Rosetta left here at 2-30. p.m. to-day, and is expected to arrive in Bombay, at day-light, on Saturday next

The Florio-Rubattino Co.'s steamer Po left Aden for Bombay, yesterday, at 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, FEB. 10.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed easirr. Surats quiet.

Good Dholleras	3 12-32

The Manchester Market has been quiet.

2½ per cent. Consols	112 7-8
3 per cent. Rentes	102¾
3½ per cent. Sterling Loan	118
3½ per cent. Rupee Paper	62½
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The sum of about £100,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

THE Lahore paper writes :—We are now officially informed that the only authenticated cases of bubonic plague which have occurred in the Punjab up to date are as follows :—One case at Ferozepore in the latter part of December which was imported from Bombay ; one case at Rewari, imported from Bombay on January 17th ; and one case at Amritsar, imported from Bombay and discovered in the city in the latter part of January. It has been ascertained that there is no truth in the report of cases in Lahore and at Ganda Singhwala. Three cases, however, of suspected plague occurred in Delhi at the end of January in a single family. The original sufferer from the disease came from Bombay, and the two latter cases were apparently contracted from proximity to him. It is not certain, as we stated, that any of these three cases were genuine cases of bubonis plague. All Deputy Commissioners have been directed to inform Government by telegram of cases of bubonic plague occurring in their respective districts. In addition to the special measures already ordered at particular Railway stations for the inspection of passengers coming from the direction of the infected localities viz., Bombay and Karach, instructions have now been issued for the inspection at all Railway station which arest or near the head-quarters of districts, of all passengers arriving from the aforesaid infected localities and leaving the trains at such stations. Arrangements for the reception and treatment of possible sufferers from bubonic plague will made at all such stations.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE total quantity of grain and pulse imported from Indian ports during the past month rose from 145,520 to 649,648 cwt. This largely consisted of rice, imports of which increased by over seven hundred per cent.

THE Government are convinced that the immense work thrown on the Municipal Commissioner by the plague, must prevent his satisfactorily fulfilling ordinary duties, and in a letter addressed to the President of the Corporation pointed out that it was incumbent on the Municipality to appoint a Deputy Commissioner. Mr. Secretary Atkins also informed the President that the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs has been instructed to immediately draft a bill to repeal a clause of section 56 of the Municipal Act, so as to enable the Commissioner to be represented by his Deputy at meetings of the Corporation and the Standing Committee.

THE Municipal Corporation yesterday resolved on the motion of the Hon. Mr. Wadia to request the President to ask Government to appoint a Commission consisting of sanitary engineers and medical experts to investigate and report on the details of the drainage system and house-connections of Bombay.

DURING the week ending on Feb. 10, new eight-anna pieces were sent to the Reserve Treasury from the Mint for payment of famine relief to the value of Rs. 2,80,000, and four anna pieces to the value of Rs. 2,21,000. During the week silver amounting to Rs. 11,98,000 was received on account of British dollar coinage, nearly 30½ lakhs worth of silver for that purpose is awaiting assay.

THE President and Members of the Yeola Municipality have applied to Government for a loan of Rs. 50,000. It is required for the purpose of completing a project which has received the sanction of Government for bringing into the town an adequate supply of water. The period for which the loan is required is six years on the following terms : That no interest shall be charged for the first three years. That interest at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum shall be payable for the last three years on the balances actually due to Government. The Municipality has no existing liabilities.

MR. HORMASJI KHARSEDJI KURLAVALA has been appointed Collector of Income Tax, Bombay, vice Mr. K. N. Sirvai, deceased. Mr. C. E. McDonald to be Assistant to the Collector, Bombay, vice Mr. Kurlavala, promoted.

SURGEON-CAPTAIN C. T. HUDSON is to act as Civil Surgeon, Thana.

LIEUTENANT A. B. CAREY, R. E., transferred to Bombay for famine duty, is posted to the Central Division.

MR. L. W. SEYMOUR, Superintendent of Land Records and Agriculture in Sind, has been allowed by the Secretary of State for India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

MR. R. THOM, Assistant Collector of Salt Revenue, Bombay, has been allowed by the Secretary of State for India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

MR. W. C. RAND, I.C.S., is to do duty as Administrator of the Sachin State, vice Mr. C. N. Seddon, I.C.S.

MR. L. P. WALSH, C.I.E., Second Assistant Political Resident, Aden, is granted furlough to Europe for twelve months on medical certificate.

THE services of Captain S, M. C. Schneider, acting Assistant Political Agent, Southern Maratha Country, ase replaced at the disposal of the Government of India in the Military Department.

SURGEON-CAPTAIN J. L. T. JONES, M.B., is appointed to act as Deputy Sanitary Commissioner, Central Registration District.

SURGEON-MAJOR W. H. QUICKE, Second Surgeon, J. J. Hospital, has been allowed by the Secretary of State an extension of leave on medical certificate for four months.

MR. S. TAGORE, I.C.S., Judge and Sessions Judge Satara, is granted furlough on medical certificate for six months.

THE net imports of gold in January were 66,871 ounces, value Rx. 444,040, and the net imports of silver during the same month were 4,130,895 ounces. value Rx. 817,274. The imports of both metals were larger than they have been for many months. It is curious that India should be importing gold at the present time. In former famines the flow of gold set outwards from India as soon as distress became acute.

DURING January imports from foreign countries into Calcutta fell off, the total decrease amounting to over four per cent. There were contracted imports of cotton goods, metals were received in smaller quantities and mineral oils declined in value by over ten lakhs. The only increases of importance were in railway materials, the value rising by nearly nine lakhs, and in sugar and salt. Only a nominal amount of grain and pulse was received from foreign countries.

THE total receipts of the Central Committee of the Famine Fund, including about six lakhs from home, are now Rs. 10.31,000. Rs. 40,000 of this has been specially subscribed for Bengal.

A COMMITTEE under the presidentship of General Morton has met in Calcutta to consider the question of admitting gentlemen into the reserve of officers for the Indian Army. The members of the Committee are Messrs. Richardson, I. C. S. ; Pratt, D.S. of Police ; W. Cheetham, Bengal Chamber of Commerce ; Watts, P. W. D. ; Major Edwards, Adjutant, Behar Light Horse ; and Lieutenant-Lumsden, Assam Valley Light Horse.

THE Madras Provincial Committee of the Indian Famine Charitable Relief Fund met at the Banqueting Hall on Monday, His Excellency the Governor presiding. An Executive Committee was appointed with the Hon'ble Mr. C. S. Code as Chairman, Mr. G. G. Arbuthnot as Treasurer, Mr. H. K. Beauchamp and the Hon'ble Dewan Bahadur P. Rajaruthnam Moodelliar as joint Honorary Secretaries. The Governor announced several furthur subscriptions and Mr. Arbuthnot, on behalf of Archbishop Colgan, the Trustee, announced that a sum of Rs. 11,000, the balance of the last Famine Fund, was available. The Madras subscriptions up to date amount to close upon Rs. 69,000, and the total with the balance aforementioned to Rs. 80,000.

MRS. ROY, wife of the man sentenced to two years' imprisonment for the manslaughter of a dhoby, has made an appeal for mitigation of the sentence, which has been refused by the authorities.

A CALCUTTA correspondent writes :—"The news that reaches us from day to day of rain in Upper India, the Central Provinces and Southern Behar shows that the spring harvest will yield a fair return after all, and that the food-stocks in the country will be replenished to a certain extent when the hot weather comes round. Two or three millions of people will have to be looked after on the Relief Works for several months, no doubt, but this can be done without exhausting the resources of the State, and the machinery for dealing with famine on even a larger scale is already in motion. The Punjab, it would seem, may now almost be excluded from the provinces which will suffer severely, and thus the area to be safe-guarded is considerably lessened. In Bengal, North Behar gives cause for most anxiety but the Local Government is well advanced in its preparations to grapple with scarcity there for the next six months. The outlook generally in India is much brighter than it was in December, for the cold weather rains have been even better than was anticipated."

THE Government of India have telegraphed again refusing to cancel the notification making Madras a port of embarkation of Mecca pilgrims.

BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

DR. COWASJI HORMUSJI presided at the adjourned monthly meeting of the Bombay Municipal Corporation held yesterday afternoon.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONER.

The President had received the following "Immediate" letter from the Government :—

Bombay Castle, 10th February, 1897.

To the President, Municipal Corporation, Bombay.

Sir,—I am directed to inform you that Government are convinced that the immense work thrown on the Municipal Commissioner for the city of Bombay by the plague must prevent his fulfilling the current duties of his appointment to the satisfaction of the Corporation or himself, and that they are of opinion that it is incumbent on the Municipality to appoint a Deputy Commissioner under section 55 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act 1888, and report the appointment for confirmation by the Governor in Council. I am also to inform that the Remembrancer of Legal Affairs has been instructed to draft immediately a bill to repeal clause 2 (a) of section 56 of the Act so as to enable the Deputy Commissioner to represent the Municipal Commissioner at meetings of the Corporation, Standing Committee &c.,—I have &c.

(Sd) J. DE. C. ATKINS,
Secretary to Government.

The President read the above letter to the meeting and observed that nothing could be done at once in matter and that a resolution on the point should be moved after due notice. In the meantime the Standing Committee if they chose might consider the proposal contained in the letter, and find means for the proposed appointment of Deputy Commissioner.

REPAIRING THE BREACH ON TANSA PIPE-LINE.

On the motion of Mr. Shroff, the Corporation sanctioned Rs. 76,853 for repairs of the Tansa pipeline breach near Keshali, which was caused during the last heavy rains.

SHOEMAKERS ON THE FOOT-PATH NEAR THE MARKETS.

The Corporation considered letter from the Commissioner, requesting sanction (1) to his giving one month's notice to the dealers in boots and shoes who squat on part of the footpath in Carnac Road, requiring them to vacate such part of the footpath, and (2) to his declaring the footpath open throughout for the use of the public.

Mr. R. H. Vincent moved for the necessary sanction.

Messrs. Bomanji Master and Kabraji were opposed to drive away the poor shoemakers from the footpath which they occupied for the purpose of carrying on the trade for a number of years without causing any serious hinderance to the traffic.

On being put to vote, the proposal was carried. an the sanction granted.

THE BOMBAY DRAINAGE.

In accordance with a notice of motion, the Hon. Mr N N Wadia moved that a Committee, consisting of Mr G W Roughton, the Hon. P M Mehta, C I E, the Hon A M Dharamsi, Mr W R Hamilton, Mr T W Cuffe, Mr. W C Hughes, Mr. George Cotton, Dr. Bhalchandra Krishna, Dr. N. N. Katrak, and Veterinary-Surgeon Mills, be appointed to report on the following :—(a) How far the recommendations of Mr. Baldwin Latham as to the separation of rain-water from sewerage have been carried out. (b) What precautions and arrangements are necessary for the thorough flushing of drains. (c) What drains are unfit for the carriage of sewerage, and whether or no it is desirable to transfer all complete drains to the Executive Engineer instead of, as at present, leaving the old drains in charge of the Health Department and new ones in charge of the Executive Engineer. (d) To test the conditions of the subsoils in the districts whose level is below the level of the sea by means of test-pits. (e) What effect had the block to the passage of sewage by the landslip at Love Grove, the heavy rains at the beginning and the want of later rains in the last monsoon on the health of the city. (f) To report if it is advisable to disturb the sullage during the course of visitations, and what precautions are necessary to prevent the contamination while this is being done. (g) Are the present vent-chimneys, pipes, and appliances efficacious in carrying away the gases from the sewers? (h) The influence of the exact supply of water on the health of the city and the precautions necessary for its use in chawls, in houses where rooms are let to the poor, and in houses where there are no means of getting rid of the waste. (i) Are any alterations or additions necessary (and if so what) in the present Act and By-laws for regulating light, ventilation and overcrowding in the houses of the poor. (j) To report on such other matters as are not mentioned above and which may serve to elucidate the increase of mortality in Bombay during the last few years and, if possible, the visitation now amongst us.

With the permission of the President and the Corporation, the Hon. Mr. Wadia altered the first part of his motion so as to read that the President be requested to ask Government to appoint a Commission consisting of sanitary engineers, medical experts, and some local gentlemen to investigate and report on the various questions contained in the proposal. In support of the proposition he quoted Mr. Baldwin Latham's remarks to the effect that the completion of the drainage should be carried out immediately, to reap the advantages of an improved drainage in the city.

Mr. Badruddin Kur seconded the proposal, observing that Mr. Wadia had done an important service to the city by bringing forward such a motion.

Mr. George Cotton threw out a suggestion that the Government might be requested to associate an expert of Indian experience to act on the Commission.

Mr. Dixit suggested that the Commission should also be asked to find and suggest the best system of house-connections.

Dr. N. N. Katrak doubted successful results from a Commission of this kind, which he believed would most probably prove abortive like its predecessors. He would not, however oppose the motion in the hope of setting a definite conclusion in the matter.

Mr. Vincent feared there were great difficulties in having satisfactory results from a Commission of this kind.

Dr. Bahadhurji did not see the utility or necessity of passing the proposition. The Corporation, he urged, should not be swayed by any outside criticism against the body demanding its supersession by Government. By appointing a Commission as proposed no good would result, and the Corporation would not find itself in a better position, for it was not bound to carry out the suggestions of the Commission. Past history taught them that every recommendation of experts—even that of Mr. Baldwin Latham—had been disregarded.

The Hon Mr. Dharamsi remarked that Dr Bahadhurji's arguments carried their own refutation.

Messrs. Master, Kabraji, Chichgar and Hamilton having spoken on the suoject Mr. Cuffe remarked that the appointment of a commission did not cast any reflection on their officers. It was simply a consultation at the time of crisis.

Mr. Wadia replying on the debate, remarked that, as was pointed out by Mr. Cuffe the resources of Government being better than the Municipal Corporation, they had a wider cope of selection of experts.

The proposal on being put to vote was carried.

The Corporation then adjourned to Thursday next.

IMPORTS INTO FRANCE.

MODIFICATION OF RESTRICTIONS.

THE following telegram was received by the French Consul from his Government, yesterday :—

"Decrees of 19th and 27th January are modified as follows : Importation of all goods coming directly or indirectly from ports contaminated by plague are forbidden in the Mediterranean ports of France. Articles not prohibited by the decree of 19th January are admitted in French ports of the Ocean and the Channel after disinfection. The passengers coming from infected ports can only enter France through Bordeaux, St. Nazaire, Havre, and Dunkirk after eight days of observation in the first two ports, and of four days in the two others."

WARM WRAPS FOR USE IN THE ARTHUR ROAD HOSPITAL.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—Will you kindly make it known that the Church of England clergyman of each district will be glad to receive old flannel garments, pyjamas, rugs, &c., for the use of the sufferers in the Arthur Road Hospital. We are told that such things are much needed. They will be given to the patients (irrespective of creed, of course) by two of the clergy who have undertaken to visit the hospital regularly for the purpose.—Yours, &c.,

W. E. SCOTT,
Feb. 11. Acting Archdeacon of Bombay.

THE usual ceremony of killing buffaloes for the Todas who died during the previous year should have come off near Ootacamund on the 6th, 7th and 8th instant, but in consequence of the Collector refusing to allow the relatives of the deceased to destroy as many as 20 heifers according to usage and Government sanction—and giving permission for the slaughter of four only of these animals—the Todas concerned deferred the observance of the ceremony till such time as Government may pass orders on a petition they have submitted protesting against the restriction.

MILITARY NEWS.

THE hired Transport Dunera will make a twelfth outward and homeward voyage, leaving England in the third week of February and Bombay about the end of March.

THE following are the sanctioned Chitral reliefs to be carried out early in the summer :—1. Section No 4 (Hazara) Mountain Battery—Abbottabad to Kela Drosh. 1. Section No 4 (Hazara) Killa Drosh to Abbottabad. 27th Punjab Infantry—Rawal Pindi to Killa Drosh. 28th Punjab Infantry—Killa Drosh to Rawal Pindi. 1st Battalion 4th Gurkha Rifles—Baklah to Killa Drosh. 2nd Battalion 5th Gurkhas Rifles —Killa Drosh to Abbottabad. No 6 Company Bengal Sappers and Miners—Roorkee to Killa Drosh. No 4 Company Bengal Sappers and Miners—Killa Drosh to Rawal Pindi. No 3 Company Bengal Sappers and Miners—Rawal Pindi to Roorkee

THE personnel of No. 19 Native Field Hospital will be relieved by a corresponding establishment from the Bengal Command.

A WING of the 1st Battalion 3rd Gurkha Rifles has been sent to reinforce the Kuram Vally Garrison.

THE proposed manœuvres at Pallaveram and Trichinopoly in the Madras Command have been abandoned on account of heavy rain and cholera, respectively.

A COMPANY of the South Staffordshire Regiment has been ordered from Calicut of Manferi near Malapuram owing to apprehended disturbances ; and is being replaced by a company from Head-Quarters at Willington.

THE summer artillery garrison of Fort Attock has been increased from 30 to 70 men.

THE British India ss Lalpoora is expected at Bombay on the 12th inst. with the left Wing 2nd Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment from Mauritius. The Royal Indian Marine s s. Canning will bring the Head Quarter Wing later.

DEPARTURE OF THE TRANSPORT BRITANNIA.

THE Indian Service Transport Britannia, Captain James L. Parfitt, will sail, to-day, for Southamton, with details, consisting of fifty-five officers, twenty-two ladies, and thirty-one children, 1, 24 non-commissioned officers and men, fifty-three women, and 130 children. The troops from Deolali with their baggage were brought to Bombay in four troop trains on the 10th and 11th instant. Two trains with eight officers and 262 men of the details, including the usual working party and guard equally divided between the two, the whole of the families and heavy baggage, left Deolali, at 9 and 10 p.m. on the 10th, and arrived at the Sassoon Dock, at 5-10 and 6-5 a.m., yesterday. The third and fourth trains conveying the remainder of the troops left Deolali at 9 and 10 p.m., last night, and will arrive at the Sassoon Dock, at 5-10 and 6-5 a.m., this morning. The troops and baggage will be embarked as they arrive. The following is the list of officers :—

Surgn Col and Mrs W Graves A M Staff	Capt E B Luard, Shrops Regt
Lieut Col H J Lugard, R A	Hon Lieut S Logan and 2 children, Army School
Brig Surg Lieut Col and Mrs A H Anthonis and daughter A M Staff	Lieut W H White, R I Regt
Surg Lieut Col and Mrs R W Mapleton, A M Staff	Lieut P R Stokoe, D C L I
Major and Mrs T Mayhew and daughter, R A	Lieut H F MacEwan, Middlesex
Major and Mrs H C Goode, Blackwatch	Lieut C H Pringle, 2nd Border
Surg Major and Mrs R L Love and child, A M Staff	Lieut R H Anderson, 18 Corps
Surg Maj and Mrs J Carmichael and 2 children, A M Staff	Lieut F S Reeves, East Kent
Surg Maj and Mrs H O Trevor, A M Staff	Lieut R C Batt, R I Fus
Hon Surg Maj and Mrs W Fearn and 4 children, I M S	Hon Lieut and Mrs M Larkin and 2 children, A M Dept
Maj F D Baillie, 11th Hussars	Lieut F W B Cripps, K R R Corps
Surg Cap W B Lelahmar, A M Staff	2nd Lieut H C McLachlan, 18th Hussars
Capt E S E Harrison, 11th Hussars	2nd Lieut W F Sweny, R I Fus
Capt H B Cameron, A and S Highl	2nd Lieut R Bright, East Kent
Capt M McNeiel, A and S Highl	2nd Lieut F J Engelbach, East Kent
Hon Capt and Mrs H Saw and 3 children, Ord Dept	2nd Lieut E C Alexander, Dorset
Capt F W Heath, R A	2nd Lieut E E Wilford, E York
Capt J A Daniell, 11th Hussars	Lieut J P Montmorency, Royal Navy
Capt R G Williams, Devon	Mr Gunner O Lee, Royal Navy
Surg Capt S H Burnett, I M S	Mr Gunner J Brooking, Royal Navy
Capt F C Musgrats, I M S	Mr Gunner R Harness, Royal Navy
Capt N Waymouth, I S Corps	Boat Swain J Piper, Royal Navy
Capt C B Hamlyn, East Lanc	Mrs Young wife of late Lieut Young, I S Corps
Capt D Warren, R West Surrey	Wife of G P Campbell and 4 children, R E
Capt and Mrs H A F Magrath and child, I S Corps	Wife of J B Wood, R A
Capt H W Codrington, I S Corps	Wife of L Cowie, and infant, Cameronians
Capt and Mrs W F Leader and 2 children, 2nd Middlesex	Wife of Lt B J H Humphrey, 3rd M Lanc
Capt W G H Mauley, R A	Daughter of late Hon Capt Ward, Barrack master
Capt S J de Kantzow, 2nd Derby	Wife of Lieut E R Wetherall, 2nd M I
Capt J B Pollok, Blackwatch	Wife of Hon Lieut W Steele, and 5 children, Ord Dept
Capt M G Woodmass, 19th Hussars	

CALCUTTA PORT IMPROVEMENT.

THE SCHEME APPROVED.

THE *Englishman* says the Government of India have now sent a letter to the Bengal Government accepting the scheme of the Port Commissioners with reference to the scheme for improving the dock accommodation at Calcutta. The scheme of August 1896 included improvement of the docks and jetties at a cost of five lakhs, the provision of three coaling berths in the boat canal at Kidderpur docks costing nearly four lakhs, and the construction of three salt golahs in the canal at a cost of nearly six lakhs, or a total of Rs, 14,70,000 To meet this the Government were asked to sanction the raising of a loan by the Commissioners of 12 lakhs on debentures bearing interest at 3 per cent, and Rs. 2,70,000 were said to be available from the last debenture loan raised by the Commissioners. There were also supplementary proposals to purchase a tug steamer and a new floating crane which raised the proposed expenditure by three lakhas, while the erection of new cranes at the jetties and the altering of the rails along the jetty heads raised the total cost of the works to Rs. 19,33,000. The Bengal Government shres the opinion of the Port Commissioners that the additional revenue that will be derived from the adoption of the now scheme will more than cover the interest and sinking fund charges on the proposed loan of 15 lakhs. The Government of India, while accepting this opinion, thinks however, that the estimate of additional revenue may be shown by experience to have been over sanguine. In their letter now quoted the Government of India say: The opinion of the mercantile community on the scheme is, as it now appears, divided, but the majority of the members of the Chamber of Commerce are in favour of it, while the Trade Association strongly support it. The represeneations made on behalf of interests adversely affected have been carefully considered, and the Government is satisfied that the scheme is the result of careful consideration that the accommodation, at the jetties is insufficient, that no improvements in the management are possible which will enable the increased trade of the port to be satisfactorily disposed of without some change in existing arrangements, that some change in the present system of dealing with imports and exports is consequently imperative and that the scheme put forward by the Commissioners offers the best solution of serious practical difficulties. In fact, as the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal has remarked, no practicable alternative scheme is before the Government. The scheme is therefore adopted, and the execution is approved of the necessary loan of 15 lakhs bearing interest at 3½ per cent. per annum and repayable in 30 years. If the Port Commissioners think that under the present circumstances 4 per cent is a more suitable rate of interest than 3½ per cent, the higher rate may be adopted. It is asked, however, how the Port Commissioners propose to meet the expenditure that will be incurred in the excess of 15 lakhs which it is proposed to borrow, and also where Rs, 2,70,000, said to be available, is held.

THE *Englishman* writes :—The present is by far the severest epidemic of plague that yet broken out in Bombay, if the number of its victims be considered absoluteiy. Eerlier outbreaks show, however, a much heavier mortality relatively to the population. In 1692 it carried on 381 native soldiers, out of a total of 500, and a few years later it reduced the English population from 800 to 80. Nearly a century previously, it is supposed to have killed Coryat, the traveller. So much at least may be gathered from the ancient documents which have been collated by James Douglas, the interesting author of Bombay and Western India. Possibly the plague referred to by Douglas may not have been the bubonic fever now spreading over the Western Presidency ; but on that supposition, why should the term plague be introduced rather than the name of any other disease? The well-known tendency of plague to recur in places where it has been once broken out lends colour to the view that the present epidemic may simply be the sequel to a series of previous appearances. If these hypothesis be correct, it would seem that nothing but fire can purify the city, just as the great fier is supposed to have swept the plague germs out of London after the last visitation of the pestilence two centuries ago.

THE PREVAILING EPIDEMIC.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending 6 a.m., yesterday, give the following results :—

A	Upper Colaba	0	0
	Middle and Lower Colaba	1	4
	Fort, Southern	1	0
	Fort, Northern	1	2
	Esplanade	2	6
B	Mandvi	0	0
	Chukla	0	0
	Umarkhadi	2	3
	Dongri	2	8
C	Market	2	1
	Dhobi Talao	5	7
	Fanaswadi	1	1
	Bhuleshwar	1	1
	Khara Talao	0	2
	Khumbarwada	6	6
D	Khetwadi	3	3
	Girgaum	2	3
	Chanpati	3	1
	Walkeshwar	2	1
	Mahalakshmi	3	2
E	Mazagon	15	7
	Tadwadi	4	2
	Second Nagpada	1	1
	Kamathipura	5	10
	Tardeo	19	4
	Byculla	21	27
	First Nagpada	2	3
F	Parel	8	9
	Sewri	0	0
	Sion	3	5
G	Mahim	7	6
	Worli	3	4
Water Division		0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown		0	1
Parsee Hospital		0	3
Jain Hospital		0	6
Arthur Road Hospital		0	9
St George's European Hospital		0	1
J J Hospital		0	1
G T Hospital		0	1
Servants' Hospital		0	1
Hindu Hospital		0	0
	Total	115	135
	Total to date	5,021	4,751

The total mortality from all causes was 255.

General Gatacre proposes to start a hospital for plague cases in Government House, Parel, which has been placed by the Governor at the disposal of the Municipal Commissioner. The General asks that the Health Department should give the services of a medical officer and two medical assistants ; but as it is found impossible to adequately supply the existing hospital and that about to be opened in Kamatipura, it is not easy to comply with that request.

The Sisters of St. Joseph's Convent at Bandora have volunteered to help in the work of nursing at the Municipal Hospital in Arthur Road. As two ladies are already in charge there, it is proposed to utilise the services of the Sisters from the Bandora Convent at the hospital to be opened in Grant Road. The difficulty in regard to starting that hospital is to secure ward boys.

The workshops of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Company at Parel are greatly undermanned in consequence of the exodus, and some difficulty has been found in keeping the engines up to the requirements of the heavy local traffic. The Agent of the line has taken most vigorous measures to prevent any further depletion of the working staff. Not only has an order been made intimating that runaways will be regarded as dismissed ; a notification has been issued to the effect that all employes absenting themselves from work without leave will forfeit all profits accruing to themselves through their contributions to the Provident Fund. On the other hand, men remaining at work are promised that in the event of anyone falling a victim to the plague his wife and family will be provided for by the company.

1,816 persons left Bombay yesterday morning by sea.

Three policemen doing duty in A, B, and G Divisions were down with the malady yesterday, and a policeman died of the disease at Love Lane. There have been altogether 59 cases in the Bombay Police Force, of which twenty-one have proved fatal. Twenty-one Ramoses have been attacked since the first outbreak, of whom eleven died. A clerk, employed in the Central Police office, is at present down with the disease.

Sarah Hughes, aged fourteen years, who had been suffering from the bubonic fever for some days past, died at the St. George's Hospital yesterday morning. Mr. Lawder, son of the Superintendent of the Sailors' Home, and Edward Low, aged fourteen, from the Byculla School, also died at the Hospital on Wednesday. A European lady and a girl were admitted yesterday suffering from the disease.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

Lord George Hamilton is evincing deep personal interest in the state of affairs in Bombay, and at his request arrangements have been made to periodically submit to him progress reports from the Secretariat. His Lordship has suggested that especial care should be taken in regard to the mud floors of affected houses. The Secretary of State suggests that the floor in these instances should be taken up and mixed with lime. As far as practicable this suggestion is being carried out.

THE EPIDEMIC IN BANDORA.

The official returns of the plague at Bandora since the 4th instant are as under :—

	Attacks.	Deaths.
3 February 1897	6	4
4 ,,	9	5
5 ,,	8	4
6 ,,	4	7
7 ,,	10	10
8 ,,	18	9
9 ,,	16	11
	69	50
Preceding week	46	37
Reported previously	277	210
Total since outbreak	392	297

The mortality during the week may be thus distributed :—Mount Mary, 1 ; Chapel Road, 10 ; Warowda, 3; Bazaar Road. 3 ; De Monte Street, 2 ; Manglam, 3 ; Hill Road, 10; Bhoiwada, 1; Palli, 6; Khari, 8 ; Chimbai, 1 ; haerli, 1 ; and Chuin, 1 ;—total, 50.

THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST INFECTION.

The work of disinfecting and limewashing houses in localities where the plague is rife is being carried on with unabated energy by the army of workmen engaged under the direction of Mr James and the smaller force directly supervised by Khan Bahadur M. C. Murzban. About 30 tons of lime are used per diem in this work. The lime has hitherto been obtained almost entirely from Porebunder but as 8 or 10 days are required to prepare the crude material the Porebunder kilns have not been able to keep pace with the unexampled demand now being made. A part of the material is being obtained at Surat, but even this does not meet the requirements of the situation, and it has been found necessary to indent upon the distant town of Kutni, in Bengal for further supplies. The staff of workmen limewashing and cleansing under the direction of Mr. James at the present time now numbers 2611, and the cases of disease that have occurred amongst them are very few. They are distributed as follows :—Fort, 54 ; Chuckla and Dongri, 158 ; Islampura, 132 ; Dhobie Talao and Girgaum, 266 ; Khumberwada, 222 ; Duncan Road, 136 ; Girgaum and Khetvadi, 130 ; Pirkhan Lane, 136 ; DeLisle Road, 129 ; Parel Village, 255 ; Matharpakadi and Mazagon, 250 ; Kamatipura, 93 ; Naigaum Road, 136 ; Sion Koliwada, 313; Kala Chowki, 201 (150 of these being on house-connection work).

Several deaths from bubonic fever having occurred in a number of jowli sheds in the rear of a bungalow at Mazagon, Mr. Murzban, the Executive Engineer, in the Municipality inspected them and caused them to be pulled down. The materials were burut by fire yesterday morning. Mr. Murzban, with Dr. Kirtikar, Special Health Officer, yesterday morning inspected a large number of buildings in Narelwady, where numerous deaths have recently taken place. A great many have been condemned as unfit for occupation, and we understand steps will shortly be taken either to remove or to demolish these structures.

The segregation camps put up by the Municipality are capable of accommodating 1,200 persons, but they are all unoccupied with the exception of temporary huts put up near Naigaum village having room for about 50 people. The little hamlet has been hard hit by the epidemic, and the people have evinced a very reasonable spirit in regard to moving from their homes. Some of them have been provided with material and allowed to build temporary huts after their own fashion, while others have gone into the small segregation camp put up for them by the Municipal authorities.

THE DEMOLITION OF THE MARINE LINES QUARTERS.

Brigadier-General Gatacre is not the man to allow the grass to grow under his feet when a plan of action has been decided upon. On Wednesday evening, as stated in yesterday's issue, it was determined to destroy by fire, first the servants' quarters and then the bungalows along Marine Lines. Instructions were forthwith issued on the subject by the General to Lieutenant C. B. Farwell, R. E., Executive Engineer for Military Works, and under his orders the work of demolition was commenced at an early hour yesterday morning. General Gatacre's own bungalow being unoccupied and one plague case having occurred there, it was fixed upon as the first place for the carrying out of the sentence passed on the previous evening. A staff of some thirty workmen was put on under the superintendence of Sub-Inspector J. M. De Mello, and began to tackle the servants' quarters which line the carriage entrance in front of the bungalow. The chupper roofs and kutchra materials of the little tenements were easily dismantled, most of the coolies employed needing no more powerful aid in the shape of tools than that supplied by their own hands. The material was taken across to the maidan opposite and there burned, the object of this removal being to avoid injury to the trees and shrubs of the compounds.

ARRIVAL OF THE ERNEST SIMONS.

NO COMMUNICATION WITH THE SHORE.

The Ernest Simons of the Messageries Fleet arrived here, from Marseilles, on Wednesday afternoon. She was some hours overdue in consequence of having performed the journey from Aden rather slowly soas to have sufficient coal in hand to reach Colombo. By an arrangement entered into with Captain Wilson, the Port Officer, no member of the pilot service went on board. The vessel was met outside the harbour by a steam launch, in charge of a pilot officer, and the leviathan of the ocean followed as nearly as possible the course taken by the little vessel. The Ernest Simons was anchored much nearer the entrance to the harbour than usual—the place selected being opposite Middle Colaba. A steam launch came along to convey the passengers for Bombay (about twenty in number) on land, but no one in the launch was allowed on board. The

shirts, pyjamas, coats, trousers, blankets, rugs, razais, &c., for the use of the patients. Two of the clergy present undertook personally to visit the hospital and distribute the clothing, thus saving labour to the over-worked Sisters-in-charge. It was also arranged that all of the clergy who had influence with natives should use it in endeavouring to obtain ward boys for the hospital.

ANOTHER CASE IN THE HIGH COURT.

Mr. Flynn, the court-keeper, had to superintend the washing, fumigation, and disinfection of the Sheriff's office on the ground-floor of the High Court, yesterday. It appeared that Shavaksha Framjee Cooper, a clerk on the Sheriff's establishment, attended his work on Wednesday, although he was slightly in fever. A relative residing in his house in Cama Street, Fort, had been attacked with the plague; and Shavaksha was told to go home for treatment. He died there yesterday; and hence the disinfecting operations in the High Court.

RETURN OF SOME FUGITIVES TO BOMBAY.

Nearly two months ago, many of the poorer classes fled from Bombay to Veraval, Porebunder, and other bunders on the coast. Having felt the effects of the scarcity prevailing there, about five hundred of them returned to Bombay two days ago by the coasing steamers.

A MAHOMEDAN VICTIM AT ANKLESWAR.

A Mahomedan passenger from Bombay, on alighting at the Ankleswar railway station on Monday afternoon last, was discovered to be suffering from bubonic fever. He was at first detained on suspicion by Dr. Bhoorabhoy, who was on special medical duty at the station. Mr. Pherozshah, the Zillah Deputy Collector, on hearing of the matter, at once enquired into it, and having satisfied himself that the man was suffering from the plague, ordered his removal to Deeva Gaum, where a bungalow is situated in a pleasant place on the banks of the rives Nerbudda.

THE JAINS AT BHOWNUGGUR.

Complain to having arisen lately that the care and supervisionary management of the Jains temples in Bombay during the time of the epidemic were not properly maintained, a meeting of Jains was held last week at Bhownuggur, at which a letter written from Bombay by Mr. Fakirchand Premchund Roychund was submitted for cosideration. Mr. Fakirchund stated that, owing to the custodians and the servants of the temples in Bombay havig suddenly relinguished their duties and disappeared, no proper care of the temples was taken. He added that the aid of other Jains was required for the maintenance of the Jain Hospital, which was at present conducted at the sole expence of Mr. Manekchand Kapoorchund Javeri; and that a sufficient number of Jains were notprocurable for the care of helpless members, and for the performance of the funeral ceremonies of those who died. The meeting, after some discussion, resolved to send pecuniary assistance for the Jains in Bombay; and a subscription list was started, and Rs.1925 were contributed on the spot.

A VICTIM DISCOVERED AT BULSAR STATION.

A correspondent states that, when the railway train from Bombay arrived at Bulsar on Monday last, the corpse of a Portuguese named Fernandez, was discovered in one of the carriages. The body was removed out of the carriage, and on enquiry it was found that the man had died of the plague. Fernandez was head fitter in the Parel railway workshpops.

THE EPIDEMIC AT VERSOWA.

There have been up to date fourteen plague cases at Versowa, which is situated near the sea about three miles from Andheri, out of which eight persons have died. The fugitives from Bombay who had chosen Versowa for shelter have had their minds greatly exercised as to where they should look now for a place of refuge.

PRECAUTIONS AT DAMAUN.

Under the provisions of the order of the High Commissioner of Portuguese India, published in the "Boletim Official" of Goa of the 26th ultimo, directing measures to be taken in reference to the bubonic plague at Bombay, the Governor of Damaun has appointed Dr. Narayenrao R. Satpute as Special Medical Officer to watch cases of bubonic fever in the district of Damaun, with power to visit every person supposed to be sick from any malady and to send such persons, together with their families suspected be suffering from bubonic fever to the lazaret to at Serra Cruz and to disinfect and fumigate their lodgings. In connection with the surreptitious removal of the corpse of the Mahomedan who died at Bamanpunja four Mahomedans have been arrested and confined in jail pending their trial.

FEVER RELIEF FUND.

In addition to the subscriptions already detailed on Tuesday last, the following sums have been received:—

	Rs.
H. H. the Maharaja Saheb Bhavsingji of Bhavnagar	500
A Friend for self and wife	40
Mrs. McAfee	30
A Sympathizer	100
No name	40
Mr. A. S. Moriarty	20
Mr. Sorabji Ratanji Mistri	20

HELP REQUIRED: NOT REWARDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—We sympathise with our masters in the losse, they are sustaining owing to the stagnation of trades and it does seem unreasonable to ask them to increase our salaries, when no money is coming in; but, Sir, business will not for ever be at a standstill. A time of briskness *must* set in, and we will not murmur if asked to sit till candle-light at our desks. We have done it before; and will do it cheerfully again, and ask for no compensation—no *batta*, as is given in Government offices. Now, however, many of my comrades require help; and managers ought to take into consideration the willingness with which they always have performed their duties and help them. The majority of the European clerks are living in Byculla and Mazagon, where the plague is now raging mightily. People are dying close up to their doors, and although they are fully alive to the fact that their bodies *are* susceptible to the attacks of the plague—the old belief, that the blood of Europeans was immune, being exploded—they remain on deserted as most of them are by their cooks, hamals, &c., and, Sir, the reason why they have not gone touring up-country, is this: They are of opinion it is the duty of every brave man to remain in Bombay. It is their duty, then, that prevents them going away for a change, and therefore they ask for no reward for standing to their guns—for duty requires none; but, Sir, in these days of tribulation they look for pecuniary help, and they will feel keen disappointment if they get none.—Yours, &c.,

QUILL.

ABSENTEE DOCTORS AND CORPORATORS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The public of Bombay are really indebted to those medical practitioners who have all along stood their ground and have been discharging their duties to their patients with care and patience and instilling words of consolation into their ears, for it is in these dire times that such services can be appreciated. Their presence within the precincts of the city inspires us with hope and confidence, and thereby encourages us to stick to Bombay and not create unnecessary panic. But what about those doctors, and I may here add, the members of the Corporation, who boastfully denominate themselves civic fathers and guardians of public health, that have fled from Bombay? I say they have been the pioneers of panic, and the exodus from Bombay is to a great extent due to their flight. I heard many people say on their leaving the city, that when doctors who were expected to adopt preventive measures both for themselves and the public had fled, it was quite unsafe for them to stay any longer. Some doctors who have fattened on the money of their patients, nay some of them engaged as family doctors, pocketing handsome remunerations from year to year during healthy and prosperous times, are not to be found in Bombay. Can no steps be taken to expose these cowardly and panic-spreading doctors and corporators? If their names and the wards they represent or inhabit are found out, and published I think the public will take care how in future to rely upon such men, particularly when the former will in good times seek for practice and the latter for votes.—Yours, &c.,

Mandvi, Feb. 10. M. J. M.

PROFESSOR MULLER AND WHITEWASHING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—In reference to the discussion in the Standing Committee, yesterday, I beg to State that Professor Muller has obtained his information from servants whose statements are not very reliable. I beg to state that in each of the cases I know from my own personal knowledge that the proper measures were adopted at once. In some cases, where we have found traces of action having been taken by the Government authorities, we have proceeded to take the well known and thorough Municipal measures.—Yours, &c.,

K. C. MALEGAMVALLA, L.M. & S., Special Medical Officer, A. Ward.

THE RAILWAY PASSENGER'S INSPECTION.

In a Government Gazette (Extraordinary) issued yesterday (under date Wednesday) it is notified that in accordance with the Epidemic Diseases Act, No. III of 1897, His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to make the following rules:—

1. Every train coming from the direction of Bombay to any of the stations to which these rules may be declared by Government to be applicable shall be stopped at such station and shall not be taken further until the inspection provided by these rules has been carried out, and until the guard in charge of such train has obtained a certificate from the Chief Medical Officer in charge of the inspecting staff to the effect that all persons proceeding further by the said train, whether railway servants or passengers, are free from bubonic plague.

2. Every such train shall be emptied for inspection of the passengers in such manner as the Chief Medical Officer on duty may direct, and all such facilities shall be afforded by the servants of the Railway Company as the Chief Medical Officer on duty may deem to be necessary for the purpose of inspecting—

(a) persons who have come by such train, whether they intend to proceed by it or not, and

(b) persons who intend to start from any of the said stations and travel by such train.

In particular the doors of all railway carriages shall be locked at the station at which the train last stops before arrival at the station appointed for the inspection of passengers under these rules.

3. The Governor in Council may appoint any person or persons, by name or by virtue of office, to be the inspecting medical officer or officers for the purposes of these rules and may cancel any such appointment.

4. Inspecting medical officers appointed under these rules are empowered to examine all persons arriving by or intending to leave by the trains mentioned and to detain persons suffering or suspected by them to be suffering from bubonic plague in such places as may be appointed for the accommodation of such persons respectively.

5. The Police shall act under the orders given by the Chief Medical Officer on duty under these rules with regard to compelling persons to submit to such regulations as may be made or approved by the said officer for the purpose of inspection and with regard to the detention and segregation of persons suffering or suspected to be suffering from bubonic plague.

6. Disobedience to any orders issued under the above rules Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 5 will subject the offender to a prosecution under Section 188, Indian Penal Code.

No. 228-P.—Whereas the City of Bombay is visited by an attack of a dangerous epidemic disease, namely Bubonic Plague, and whereas the Governor of Bombay in Council is of opinion that the ordinary provisions of the law for the time being in force are insufficient for the purpose of preventing the spread thereof; pursuant to the provisions of Section 2, sub-section 1, of the Epidemic Diseases Act, 1897, and in exereise of the powers in this behalf conferred by the Governor General in Council under Section 2, sub-section 3, of the same Act, the Governor of Bombay in Council is pleased to empower the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay to take the measures hereinafter specified to prevent the spread of bubonic plague, and is further pleased to prescribe the temporary regulations hereinafter set forth to be observed by the public and all persons concerned:—

I.—If for any reason it shall appear to the Commissioner that any building intended for or used as a dwelling is unfit for human habitation he may, of his own motion, prohibit by a writtsn order the further use of such building as a dwelling and cause notice of such prohibition to be affixed to the door of, or on some conspicuous part of, such building.

As a temporary regulation, it is hereby prescribed that when any such prohibition has been made, no owner or occupier of such building shall use or suffer the same to be used for human habitation until the Commissioner certifies in writing that the causes rendering it unfit for human habitation have been removed to his satisfaction.

For the purpose of enforcing and carrying into effect the said regulation, the Commissioner or any Police or other officer acting in co-operation with or under the orders of the Commissioner may, if necessary, forcibly remove any person from such building and may prevent the re-occupation thereof until such time as the Commissoner shall have certified as aforesaid.

II.—If it shall appear to the Commissioner that any building used as a dwelling is so overcrowded as to endanger the health of the inmates thereof, he may, of his own motion, by written order require the owner of the building, within a time not exceeding seven days to be prescribed in the said order, to abate the overcrowding thereof by reducing the number of lodgers, tenants or other inmates of the said building. As a tems porary regulation it is hereby prescribed that the provisions of sub-sections (2) and (3) of Section 379 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act, 1888, shall (mutatis mutandis) apply in the case of any such requisition by the Commissioner in the same manner and to the same extent in all respects as if such requisition had been made by the Chief Presidancy Magistrate under the provisions of sub-section (1) of the same section.

For the purpose of enforcing and carrying into effect the said regulation, the Commissioner or any Police or other officer as aforesaid may, if necessary, at the expiration of the time prescribed in the Commissioner's order, require such and so many of the inmates of the building as the Commissioner may direct, to forthwith vacate the said premises, and such inmates as are so required shall forthwith vacate accordingly, or, if they fail to do so, the Commissioner or any Police or other officer as aforesaid may forcibly remove them and prevent their re-occupation of such building.

III.—If the Commissioner shall be of opinion that it is necessary that any building or premises be vacated for the purpose of cleansing or disinfecting or otherwise for the purpose of checking the spread of disease, he may, by the written notice mentioned in Section 425 of the Municipal Act aforesaid, require the owner or occupier of such building to vacate the same within such time as shall be prescribed in the said notice.

As a temporary regulation it is hereby prescribed that when any such requisition has been made, every inmate or occupier of the building shall, within the time so prescribed, vacate such building and remove his property and effects and any animals therefrom.

For the purpose of enforcing and carrying into effect the said regulation, the Commissioner or any Police or other officer as aforesaid may, if necessary, after the expiration of such time forcibly remove any person and any property or animal or thing from such building, and may prevent the re-occupation of such building or any part thereof for so long as the Commissioner may deem necessary.

IV.—If and whenever any building or part of a building which has been vacated or deserted by the inmates thereof is found to be fastened or locked up, the Commissioner may by a written notice affixed on the door, require that such building or part of a building be opened and that all property (if any) therein be removed therefrom within such time, not being less than 24 hours, as may be prescribed in such notice, and at the expiration of the time so prescribed the Commissioner or any Police or other Officer as aforesaid may forcibly break open and enter any such building or part of a building and cleanse, disinfect and ventilate the same and remove and disinfect or destroy any grain, bedding or clothing or any other goods or articles found therein and may forcibly prevent the re-occupation of such building or part of a building for so long as the Commissioner may deem necessary.

V.—For the purpose of preventing the spread of disease, and for carrying into effect any of the measures contemplated by Section 425 of the Municipal Act aforesaid, the Commissioner may, without any such previous notice of requisition to the owner or occupier of a building as in the said last-mentioned section provided, himself cause such building or any part thereof to be cleansed or disinfected and any article found therein to be removed, disinfected or destroyed

VI.—The operation of cleaning or disinfecting a building within the meaning of this Notification shall be deemed to include not only the cleansing and limewashing of such building, but also, if deemed necessary, the removal of the earth or soil of the ground floro there-of to a depth of four inches the removal of the whole or any part of the roof thereof, the removal of floors, the burning of kerosine oil or any other substance thereon, or any other measure whatever.

The expense of carrying into effect any of the measures hereby authorized for cleansing or disinfecting a building shall, in the first instance, be defrayed by the Commissioner out of the Municipal Fund, but shall, at his discretion, be recoverable from the owner or occupier of such building under the ordinary provisions of the Municipal Act aforesaid, in the same manner, in all respects, as if the work had been done after notice and after failure to comply with notice within the meaning of Section 489 of the same Act.

VII.—Save such compensation, if any, as the Commissioner may, in his discretion, allow under sub-section (1) of Section 427 of the Municipal Act aforesaid, no person shall be entitled to recover any compensation by way of damages or otherwise for the destruction of disinfection of any article removed or dealt with as herein-bsfore provided.

The owner of any moveable property in any building dealt with under the powers hereby conferred shall be responsible for taking charge of such property as the time when any action is taken under such powers, or, in the case of an article requiring disinfection, so soon as the same has been disinfected and in default of his so doing, the officer in charge of the operations may cause such property to be placed wherever he may think fit, and neither the owner nor any person interested therein shall have any claim for compensation, damages or otherwise in respect of loss of or damage to such property, however caused, during the removal thereof or at any time thereafter.

VIII.—If the Commissioner shall be of opinion that any water-connection inside any building is, or is likely to be, detrimental to the health of persons residing therein or in the neighbourhood thereof, he may, after causing a stand-pipe or other sufficient means for the supply of water to be provided outside such building, cause the water-connection with the interior of such building to be cut off.

IX.—If in the opinion of the Commissioner any building (not being a hut or shed) which has been vacated, or which has been dealt with under any of the provisions of this Notification, cannot be adapted to the sanitary requirements of a dwelling, or is otherwise permanently unfit for human habitation, or if its existence is a source of danger, the Commissioner may demolish the same or any part thereof.

Prior to any such building being demolished, the Commissioner shall cause the same, or such part thereof as he may think necessary to demolish, to be surveyed, and its value at the time to be assessed by such person as Government may, by name or by virtue of office, appoint for that purpose, and shall by written notice affixed on some conspicuous part of such building intimate the date (not being less than seven days from the date of such notice) and the hour at which the building will be surveyed and assessed as aforesaid, and the work of demolition shall not be commenced until the building or portion thereof has been surveyed and the value so assessed. The valuation of such officer shall be final and conclusive and the owner shall be entitled to receive the amount thereof which shall be provided out of the Municipal Fund, but he shall not be entitled to receive any further or other sum by way of compensation.

Subject to the powers of the Municipal Commissioner under Sections 297, 298 and 299 of the Municipal Act aforesaid to acquire any portion of the site for the widening or improvement of any street, any such demolition as aforesaid shall not affect the ownership of the land, nor shall it confer on any Fazindar or other superior owner any right which he would not have had, if such demolition had not taken place, in regard to resuming possession or otherwise.

The materials of any building or part of a building demolished as aforesaid shall be the property of the Municipality and shall be removed and disposed of, or, if necessary, destroyed by the Commissioner.

In assessing the value of any building regard shall be had only to the then actual market value of the structure, and no allowance shall be made, nor shall any compensation be paid, for compulsary demolition or otherwise.

X.—The provisions of this Notification are not intended to, and shall not operate to limit in any way any powers which the Commissioner may possess independently of the powers hereby conferred.

By order of His Excellency the Right Honourable the Governor in Council,

J. DE C. ATKINS, Secretary to Government.

POONA.

The City Municipal office returns for the 24 hours ended at 8 a.m., on Wednesday, show the following results:—

Imported	0	
Local	9	
Paths	Cases.	Deaths.
Rawiwar	8	6
Ganesh	1	1
Total	9	7
Total up to date	171	160

The Suburban Municipal office returns for the above 24 hours show the following results:—

Imported	2	
Local	0	
	Cases.	Deaths.
Arrivals from Bombay	2	3
Total up to date	180*a*	124

a In this figure are included the two cases sent to the Plague Hospital from the City.

SUSPICIOUS CASES AT HUGHLI.

Our little station has been astir since yesterday, writes a Hughli correspondent on February 6, with the unwelcome news that some four or five persons suffering from bubonia plague were to arrive at Hughli by the 9 o'clock down passenger train this morning. This intimation reached our District Magistrate yesterday by wire. Arrangements were at once made by the municipal authorities to house them on their arrival here near our infectious wards hospital at Chinsurah, and a thatched structure was raised for the purpose. The District Magistrate, Mr. Allen, with the Civil Surgeon, Dr. Dutta, taking time by the forelock, caught the 9 o'clock train this morning as it came to Hughli. But it seems that we have counted without our host, and after a strict search it was found that those sought after were not there. The conclusion was irresistible that they must have broken their journey elsewhere and escaped. Up to this time no clue has been obtained of the whereabouts of these unwelcome guests, whom we are so anxiously anticipating.

KARACHI.

There were 68 plague cases upon to noon on the 6th instant and 52 deaths. Up to noon on the 7th instant there were 41 cases and 41 deaths. The total to date is 1,215. The mortality is heaviest now among Mahomadans. Stringent cleansing and disinfecting of the Sadar Bazaar continues. Dr. Arnim, Deputy Sanitary Inspector, has been asked to adopt scientific as well as ordinary sanitary measures to prevent the spread of the plague to the camp. The Sadar Bazaar being very near the camp has been declared an infected quarter though only one death has occured in it as yet. On Monday morning the railway quarters and shops were having a cleaning similar to that adopted in the Sadar Bazaar.

THE PROVINCIAL SERVICE RULES.

The following rule made in substitution for Rule VIII of the existing rules for admission to the Bombay Provincial Civil Service has been published:—

VIII.—Every candidate for appointment shall submit his application to the Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor accompanied by satisfactory certificates—(*a*) of nationality; (*b*) that he is within the prescribed limits of age, the proofs of age being the same as those required under Rule IV (i); (*c*) that he is physically fit for the service of Government; (*d*) that he is of good moral character; (*e*) that he has such a knowledge of one of the vernacular languages of the Presidency—Gujerati, Marathi or Kanarese (or of Hindustani)—as enables him to speak, read, write and translate with facility from the written character into English and *vice versa*.

The certificate mentioned in (*c*) must be signed by a Civil Medical Officer or by a Medical Officer in Charge of a Civil station in the case of candidates residing in the mofussil and by the Presidency Medical Board in the case of the candidates residing in the Presidency Town; and those mentioned in (*d*) and (*e*) may be signed by a District Judge, by the Chief Judge of the Court of Small Causes at Bombay, by the Principal of a College or other Institution recognized by the University of of Bombay, by a Professor of the Government Law School, by the Chief Judicial, Executive or Political Officer of the British Government in a district outside the limits of the Bombay Presidency, or in a Native State, or by the Registrar of the High Court.

SANITARY POWERS IN CANTONMENTS.

REGULATIONS.

THE following notification appears in Saturday's *Gazette of India*:—

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 25 of the Cantonments Act (XIII of 1889), the Governor-General in Council is pleased to extend to all cantonments which are in this Presidency administered by the Governor of Bombay in Council the provisions of section 434, sub-section (I), and section 473 of the City of Bombay Municipal Act (III Bo. C. of 1888) in the modified form set forth below namely—

"(I) In the event of any of the cantonments mentioned above being at any time visited or threatened by an outbreak of any dangerous disease among the inhabitants thereof, the General Officer of the Command, if he thinks that the provisions of the law at the time in force are insufficient for the purpose, may, with the previous sanction of the Local Government,—

(a) take such special measures and

(b) by public notice, prescribe such temporary regulations to be observed by the public or by any person or class of persons, as he may think necessary to prevent the outbreak of such disease or the spread thereof.

(2) Whoever commits a breach of any such temporary regulation prescribed as aforesaid shall be deemed to have committed an offence punishable under section 188 of the Indian Penal Code."

2. The Notifications of the *Gazette of India* in the Military Department Nos. 1160, 87 and 118, dated 23rd October, 1891, 22nd January, 1897, and 29th January, 1897, respectively, are hereby cancelled.

THE Hindu Sabha at Amritsar commemorate their diamond jubilee by striking a medal, illuminating the city, and feeding the poor on June 30th. Efforts are also being made to build a public hall for the accommodation of distinguished visitors. A meeting for the same purpose was held by Hindus at Lahore on Sunday. All sects of Hinduism were represented, and the principal suggestion was the erection of a building for fostering technical instruction among the Hindus.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST.

THE following are excerpts from the proceedings of a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay held on the 2nd February:—

THE SEWRI ESTATE.

Read letter from the Engineer, dated 28th January acknowledging receipt of Trustees' Resolution, dated 7th July 1890, inquiring what additional allotment the Engineer can spend in the current year in the event of further funds being available for expenditure in connection with the improvements at Sewri Estate, and stating that it will not be possible to do any of the road-making at Jackeria Bunder till after the monsoon, and that the allotment of Rs. 60,000 will be sufficient up to 31st March 1897, but that the present appears to be a favourable opportunity to proceed with the filling proposed by the Traffic Manager north of the present operations and especially the basin described as No. 2 in the Traffic Manager's report, dated 24th July 1895: and proposing that it be filled up at once. Read note by the Chairman say ing that the basin is very foul; that its reclamation is an important link in those required for the railway from Sion and Mahim; that the work will be the means of keeping a large number of men with carts and bullocks fully employed right up to the monsoon, and in his opinion it might be regarded as in a small way supplementing Government efforts to find employment for this class of labour; that in the interests of trade too, with the Trustees' present defective railway connections, it will be of some advantage to prevent cartmen either deserting the city or disposing of their bullocks up-country; that the reclamation will be a material addition to the sanitary improvements of the foreshore on the north, which the Trustees have recently carried out on such an extensive scale from Mazagon to Sewri; and that the work is an important and necessary one, and by sanctioning it now it will be cheaply done.

RECLAMATIONS.

Resolution.—The Engineer should be authorized, as recommended, to proceed with the reclamation of Basin No. 2 at an estimated cost of Rs. 43,092. With this addition the estimate for the scheme will amount to Rs. 1,73,472, or with establishment and other charges Rs. 1,90,819. The provision made in the recent loan is Rs. 1,38,000, and the balance, Rs. 5,8219, can be met as follows:—From the provision for a new lighthouse on Dolphin Shoal not now required Rs. 50,000. From premium on loan Rs. 3,000, Total Rs. 53,000. The provision for expenditure in the current year (item 6, section IV, of Budget—New Works, Capital, Ordinary) should be increased to Rs. 75,000 by the transfer of Rs. 15,000 from the grant for the Dolphin Light House (item 7). The balance of the estimate should be included in the Capital Work Budget, 1897-98.

PASSENGERS' BAGGAGE.

Submitted letter from the Collector of Land Revenue, Customs and Opium, No. C-14218, dated 11th September 1896, stating that a crane is required at Ballard Pier capable of lifting 30 cwts. Submitted memorandum from the Traffic Manager, dated 21st September 1896, recommending that a crane capable of lifting 30 cwts. should be provided at Ballard Pier for the purpose of lifting passengers' heavy baggage, and that no charge be made for its use. Submitted letters from the Engineer, dated 17th November and 19th December 1896 respectively, submitting a drawing of an arrangement for an inch and davit which will meet all the requirements of the Customs Department, as a crane of the required capacity cannot be accommodated at the pier for want of space to work in. Submitted letter from the Collector of Land Revenue, Customs and Opium, approving of the proposed arrangement. Read letter from the Engineer, estimating the cost of the proposed davits at Rs. 695.

Resolution The provision of davits of the design prepared by the Engineer and approved by the Collector of Customs is sanctioned. The cost estimated at Rs. 695 should be treated as an addition to the stimate of the of the pier.

Read letter from the Holland-Bombay Trading Company, Limited, forwarding a bill amounting to Rs. 60-11-0, being charges on 11 packages of straw-boards warehoused; stating that the present charge presses heavily on the article and suggesting that straw-boards be treated as paper as regards all charges in d ock and ware houses for reasons explained. Read memorandum from the Traffic Manager, dated 21st January 1897 reporting that straw-boards in the absence of a special item are treated as unenumerated goods at the warehouses and charged for by measurement, viz., 3 pies per cubic foot for removing and storage and 1 pie per week per cubic foot for rent; stating the average charge on a package of straw-boards is Re. 0-5-4 and that of paper to be Rs. 0-3-0; and recommending that strawboards be treated, for the future as paper.

Resolution.—Under the explanation furnished, straw-boards should be chargad for under item "32—Paper in bales or cases"—instead of under item "47—Unenumerated goods"—of the Warehouse Scale. The following were amongst the papers laid on the table:—

PILOTAGE STATEMENT.

Vessels piloted into	For week ending 29th Jan. 1897.	Total from 1st Apl. 1896 to 29th Jan. 1897.	For week ending 29th Jan. 1896.	Total from 1st Apl. 1895 to 29th Jan. 1896.
harbour	13	776	18	812
out of harbour	13	784	22	856
transported	4	498	11	485
attended to	1	68	2	59
warped	1	47	...	77

THE INFANTRY POLO TOURNAMENT.

SECOND ROUND.

FOUR games in the second ties of the Infantry Polo Tournament were played at Lucknow, on Monday in the presence of a large and interested assembly. The first game was between the Devons and the Yorkshires, the former comprising Mr. Chichester, 1; Mr. Kane, 2; Mr. Morris, 3; Mr. Ravenshaw, back; and the Yorkshires—Mr. Fulton, 1; Mr Jones, 2; Mr. Raymond, 3; Mr. Fife, back. The umpires were Captain Laming and Mr. Wood. This was a very unequal contest; the Devons were nearly all through on the offensive, and displayed some hard and clever hitting, but it is open to question whether with a strong team pitted against them they would not have to change their tactics, for to-day their back was often playing number one, though being sure on the ball he could afford to expose his goal. Ravenshaw got most of the goals which were nearly all hit by pretty near side shots. In the first chukker one of the Devons fouled Raymond and the latter's pony came down, Raymond looked badly hurt, but he came round and resumed play. A foul was given against the Devons for this, but no advantage ensued to the Yorkshires, who pluckily played an uphill game. At the conclusion of the four periods the score stood in favour of the Davons by seven goals and six subsidiaries to two subsidiaries.

Concurrently with this game was one between the 2nd Queen's and Oxfordshire team:—2nd Queen's: Mr. Eagledue, 1; Mr Glasgow, 2; Mr. King-King, 3; Mr. Terry, back. Oxfordshire: Mr. Hunter, 1; Mr. Dodington, 2; Mr. Owen, 3; Mr. Fanshawe, back. The umpires were Captains Cawcol and Stainforth. This was not a very fast game and play was mostly at the sides of the ground or in the Oxford's half. The Queen's early showed they were the batter team, and in the first two chukkers scored two goals and three subsidiaries to nil. But the Oxfords made a desperate effort in the third period, and quickly scored two goals and one subsidiary. The Queen's again asserted their superiority, and at the final call of time their score stood four goals and five subsidiaries to two goals and one subsidiary.

After this the game between Essex—comprising Mr. Heath, 1; Mr. Lewes, 2; Mr. Legge, 3; and Mr. Barlow, back—and the 93rd Highlanders—comprising Mr. Elphinston, 1 Mr; Malcolm, 2; Mr. Patten, 3; Mr. Campbell, back—began. The umpires were Captain Marshall and Mr. Webster. It was expected this would be a very evenly contested match, and it drew most of the spectators from the other ground but there was disappointment as the aply developed, for it was seen that Essex were pressing the Highlanders, and for most of the game kept them on the defensive. The game for all that was a fast one, and the ball had a lively time, journeying to both ends continuously. As a spectacle the game was very interesting; the Essex showed to greater advantage to-day than they did on Friday. The Highlanders made a splendid resistance, but could not stave off defeat. At the conclusion the score stood in favour of Essex by four goals and two subsidiaries to love.

The other game on the adjoining ground was between the Durhams Subalterns and the Duke of Cornwalls. The former team comprised Mr. Ashburner, 1; Mr. Wilkinson, 2; Mr. Ainsworth, 3; Mr. Mander, back. The Duke of Cornwalls consisted of Mr. Young, 1; Mr. Walker, 2; Mr. Norton, 3; Mr. Champernowne, back. The umpires were Major Smith-Dorrien and Mr. Wood. This game is difficult to describe. The Durhams at times played up well and then for a space let the others amuse themselves. To make things safe the Durhams opened the first chukker with four goals and one subsidiary, a good foundation for accidental contingencies. The second chukker saw their score advanced by one goal and two subsidiaries, and then the Duke of Cornwalls had an innings, out of which two balls evaded Mander and resulted in goals. Then the Durhams in the last moment of time, letting themselves go, hit an easy goal, the score concluding in their favour by six goals and three subsidiaries against two goals.

On Wednesday the game between the Devons and the Durhams will be worth travelling far to see.

IN the football tournament at Agra, for Messrs. John and Co.'s Cup the first ties were played off with the following results:—B, Telegraph Company, Agra Volunteer Rifles, beat B Company, East Surrey Regiment, by one goal to *nil*. F Company, East Surrey Regiment, beat 5th Battery Royal Artillery by 3 goals to 1.

BOMBAY GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

Bombay Government Gazette, February 11.

CIVIL APPOINTMENTS, &c.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased, under the provisions of Section 7 of 21 and 25 Victoria, Chapter 104, to appoint, pending further orders, Mr E M H Fulton, I C S, to act as a Judge of H M's High Court of Judicature at Bombay, vice the Hon Mr Justice J Jardine, I C S, retired.

POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr W C Rand I C S, to do duty as Administrator of the Nachin State, with effect from the 25th Jan 1897, vice Mr C N Seddon, I C S.

Mr L P Walsh, C I E, Second Asst Political Resident, Aden, is granted furlough to Europe for twelve months on medical certificates with effect from the 7th Jan 1897.

In supersession of this Dept Notification No 842, dated the 2nd Feb., it is notified that the services of Capt S M C Schneider, acting Assist Political Agent, Southern Maratha Country, will be replaced at the disposal of the Govt of India in the Mily Dept, with effect from such date after the 18th Feb 1897, as he may be relieved of his duties in the Political Dept.

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Messrs J D S FitzMaurice, I C S, and H L Hervey, I C S, respectively delivered over and received charge of the office of Judge and Sessions Judge, Kanara, on the 28th Dec 1896, in the forenoon.

With reference to Govt Notification, Revenue Dept, No 589, dated the 23rd Jan 1897, Mr R M Kennedy, I C S, is appointed under Section 10 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, to be a Magte of the 1st class in the district of Satara.

The Gov in Council is pleased to invest Rao Saheb Lalubhai Kallanji, Mamlatdar, taluka Viramgam, and Magte of the second class in the dist of Ahmedabad, with jurisdiction to try cases arising under Section 62 of the Bombay Dist Police Act I of 1890.

H E in Council is also pleased to invest Rao Saheb Lalubhai Kallanji with power to try cases under the Opium Act I of 1878.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to confirm the following appointments made by the Hon the Chief Justice of H M's High Court of Judicature at Bombay, with effect from the 11th Nov 1896, until further orders:—Mr W Lane, Second Dept Registrar, to be substantive pro tem First Dept Registrar. Mr Meherji Hormasji Kothari to be sustantive pro tem Second Depy Registrar.

Azam Govind Daji Manwatkar and Azam Gangadhar Damodhar Vartak, Special Civil Officers on famine duty in the district of Poona, are appointed under Section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, to be Magte of the second class in that dist, and are invested with additional powers specified.

Mr C M Baker, I C S, Assist Collr in the dist of Shikarpur, is appointed under Section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, to be a Magte of the first class in that dist, with effect from the 12th Feb 1897.

The Govr in Council is pleased to invest Azam Lakshuman Krishna, Mahalkari, petha Mundgod, and Magte of second class in the district of Kanara, with additional power.

Under Section 37 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, the Govr in Council is pleased to invest Rao Bahadur Thathumal Radhakishin, Magte of the first class in the district of Hyderabad, with power to require security for good behaviour.

Azam Pandurang Trimbak Soman, Special Civil Officer on Famine Relief work, taluka Jamner in the district of Khandesh, is appointed under Section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, to be a Magte of the third class in that district, and is invested with additional powers.

Azam Datto Mahadeo Marathe, Mahalkari, petha Murgod, in the district of Belgaum, is appointed under Section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, to be a Magte of the second class in that district, and is invested with additional powers.

Azam Damodar Namdev Bhosekar, acting Head Karkun, taluka Sangola in the district of Sholapur, is appointed under Section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, to be a Magte of the third class in that district.

In exercise of the power conferred by clause (1) of Section 3 of the Bombay Mamlatdars' Courts Act, 1876, H E the Govr in Council is pleased to authorize Azam Datto Mahadeo Marathe, Mahalkari, petha Murgod in the district of Belgaum, to exercise within that petha the powers of a Mamlatdar under the said Act.

Mr S Tagore, I C S, Judge and Sessions Judge, Satara, is granted furlough on medical certificate for six months.

Rao Saheb Jethanand Hemraj, Mukhtiarkar in the district of Shahpur, is appointed under Section 12 of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1882, to be a Magte of the second class in that district.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Muhammad Ali Sher Muhammad Kureshi, late Tapedar of Burra in the Kakar Taluka of the Shikarpur District, having been convicted under section 409 of the Indian Penal Code, is declared incapable of serving Government again in any capacity.

Mr L W Seymour, Supt of land records and agriculture in Sind, has been allowed by H M's Secy of State for India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to make the following appointments:—Mr J McNeill, ICS, to be first Asst to the Collr of Land Revenue, Customs and opium, and Supt of Stamps and Stationery, Bombay, vice Mr A M T Jackson, ICS. Mr A J M Wood, ICS, to be second Asst to the Collr of Land Revenue, Customs and opium, Bombay, vice Mr McNeill.

Mr R Thom, Asst Collr of Salt Revenue, Bombay, has been allowed by H M's Secy of State for India to return to duty within the period of his leave.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to place the services of Mr H C Mules at the disposal of the Political Dept for employment on special duty in that department, and to appoint Mr W H Lucas, ICS, to act as Depy Commr and District Registrar, Upper Sind Frontier, during the absence of Mr Mules or pending further orders.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT (FAMINE).

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Surgn Lieut A Hooton to be District Medical Officer, Ahmednagar, and Surgn Lieut V B Bennett, M B, BS, to be District Medical Officer, Bijapur, under Sections 48 and 173 of the Famine Relief Code.

FINANCIAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr. Hormasji Khurshedji Kuriavala to be Collr of Income Tax, Bombay, vice Mr K N Sirvai, dec eased.

H E the Govr in Council is pleased to appoint Mr C E McDonald to be Asst to the Collr of Income Tax for the Town and Island of Bombay vice Mr Hormasji Kharsedji Kuriavala, promoted.

ECCLESIASTICAL DEPARTMENT.

License to solemnize Marriages under the provisions of Section 6 of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872, is hereby granted to the Reverend M. I. Garrison, of the International Missionary Alliance for India.

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

H E the Gov in Council is pleased to appoint Surg Major R W S Lyons, M D, to be Professor of Medicine and Clinical

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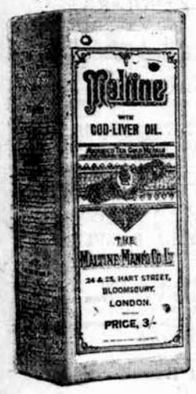

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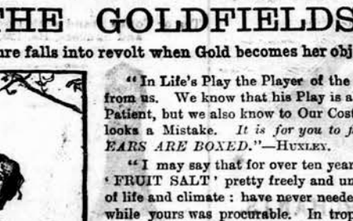

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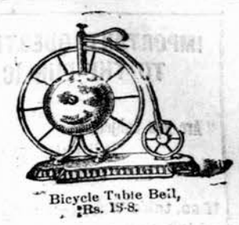
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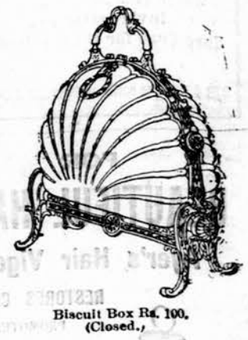
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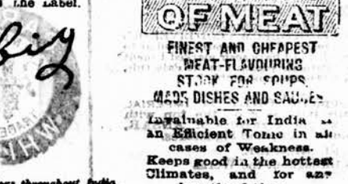

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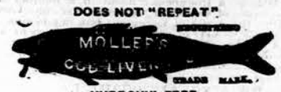

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